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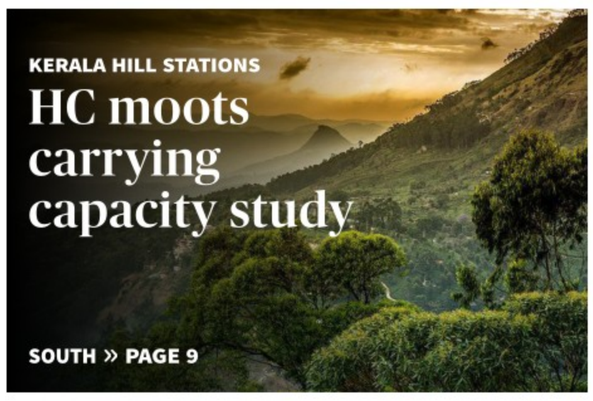

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Lone affirms he is a dutiful citizen; govt. faults affidavit

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Mohammad Akbar Lone, MP from Jammu and Kashmir and one of the main petitioners in the challenge to the abrogation of Article 370, filed a single-page affidavit in the Supreme Court on Tuesday saying he is a "responsible and dutiful citizen of the Union of India" who is exercising his right to approach the top court.

Mr. Lone, in the affidavit filed on an order by the Supreme Court, reiterated his oath as an MP to protect the Constitution and the territorial integrity of India.

Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta, however, expressed unhappiness about the affidavit, saying it was not in line with what the court had wanted him to swear by.

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SC Bench reserves verdict in Article 370 abrogation challenge

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Centre has said abrogation necessary to completely integrate J&K into the Union of India

A Constitution Bench, headed by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud, on Tuesday reserved its judgment on petitions challenging the abrogation of special status given to Jammu and Kashmir under Article 370 of the Constitution.

The hearings, which saw submissions made by both petitioners and the government on the constitutionality of the procedure adopted to repeal the Article and the abolition of Statehood of Jammu and Kashmir, spanned 16 days.

The government, represented by Attorney-General R. Venkataramani, Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta and advocate Kanu Agrawal, had argued that the abrogation was necessary to completely integrate Jammu and Kashmir into the Union of India. The government said the Valley had prospered after the repeal of Article 370. It said elections were due in J&K, which would revert to full Statehood again once the situation on the ground returned to normal.

Mr. Mehta said Jammu and Kashmir became a Union Territory in an "extraordinarily extreme situation". He said terrorism, infiltration, stone-throwing and casualties among security personnel had reduced by 45.2%, 90.2%, 97.2% and 65.9%, respectively, post the abrogation.

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'Bharat' replaces 'India' in G-20 invite from President

Government sources deny plan to formalise only one name for country during Special Session of Parliament; Opposition says BJP is afraid of INDIA; ruling party leaders welcome use of 'Bharat'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Invitations sent by President Droupadi Murmu to the heads of states and governments and the Chief Ministers of Indian States for an official banquet on the occasion of the G-20 Summit in New Delhi created a flutter as the word "India" was replaced with "Bharat".

Instead of the usual "President of India", the invitation cards said "President of Bharat".

The Opposition questioned the reason for the change, while Ministers and leaders of the ruling party welcomed the move.

Government sources told *The Hindu* that the word "Bharat" will be used more and more in the coming months for official communication.

A view of the G-20 logo near the Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi, which is set to host the G-20 Summit. R.V. MOORTHY

BJP national secretary Sambit Patra posted on X (formerly Twitter) the cover of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's function notes for his two-day visit to Indonesia to attend the ASEAN-India Summit, which refer to him as "Prime Minister of Bharat".

Opposition leaders alleged that the shift to the name "Bharat", instead of India in communication, was a way to prevent the INDIA bloc from being identified with the country's name.

Government sources told that all talk of a formal action in the Special Session of Parliament to change the name of India was "rubbish".

"It is clearly stated in the Constitution that 'India, that is Bharat, is a Union of states' so where is there any need for any change," a senior Union Minister said. "The INDIA bloc of parties have tried to reduce the identity of the country to their alliance, which is not good, and therefore the use of the name 'Bharat' both as a decolonising nomenclature and to bring the name of the country out of this reductive exercise was required," the Minister said.

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Underground transformer inaugurated

BENGALURU
Claimed to be first-of-its-kind in India, Bescom and BBMP installed a 500-kV underground distribution transformer, which was inaugurated on Tuesday.
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Cauvery water row: KRRS files plea before SC

BENGALURU
KRRS has filed an application before the Supreme Court seeking to implead as a respondent in the case of Tamil Nadu's petition seeking release of Cauvery water from Karnataka.
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Keeping at bay

Practised hand: As paddy harvest progresses in Kashmir, a woman clangs a tin box to scare away birds flying in for easy pickings from the sheaves in Ganderbal district on Tuesday. NISSAR AHMAD

Byelections to 7 Assembly seats peaceful

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Byelections to Assembly seats in Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Kerala, Tripura and Uttarakhand were held by and large peacefully on Tuesday. Election Commission officials said no major untoward incidents were reported. The counting of votes is scheduled for Friday.

The voting for the Ghosi Assembly seat in Uttar Pradesh ended amid allegations by the Samajwadi Party (SP) of administrative machinery misuse by the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

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Class X and XII students can now attempt three annual exams

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board (KSEAB) has decided to bring major reforms to the Class X and XII examination system. While the concept of supplementary examination has been removed, it has introduced the annual exam thrice a year from the 2023-24 academic year.

Madhu Bangarappa, Minister for the Department of School Education and Literacy, announced this during the Teachers' Day programme in Bengaluru on Tuesday. By naming supplementary examination as annual examination 1, 2, and 3, three opportunities will be provided to students which will promote their overall performance and positive attitude. This is a step ahead of the recent recommendation of the National Curriculum Framework, where two board examinations were proposed. The three-annual exam system will be implemented from March/April 2024.

In the existing system, students appear for one annual exam and may appear for one supplementary exam for Class X and two supplementary exams for Class XII. From here on, the concept of supplementary exam will not exist and students will be allowed to improve their performance by taking up the second and third exams if they are not satisfied with the marks scored in the first exam.

Class X and class XII tentative annual exam timetable 2024

Class	Name of the exam	Date of the exam	Announcement of result	Announcement of re-evaluation result
Class X	Exam 1	March 30 to April 15	May 8	May 23
	Exam 2	June 12 to 19	June 29	July 10
	Exam 3	July 29 to August 5	August 19	August 26
Class XII	Exam 1	March 1 to 25	April 22	May 10
	Exam 2	May 15 to June 5	June 21	June 29
	Exam 3	July 12 to 30	August 16	August 25

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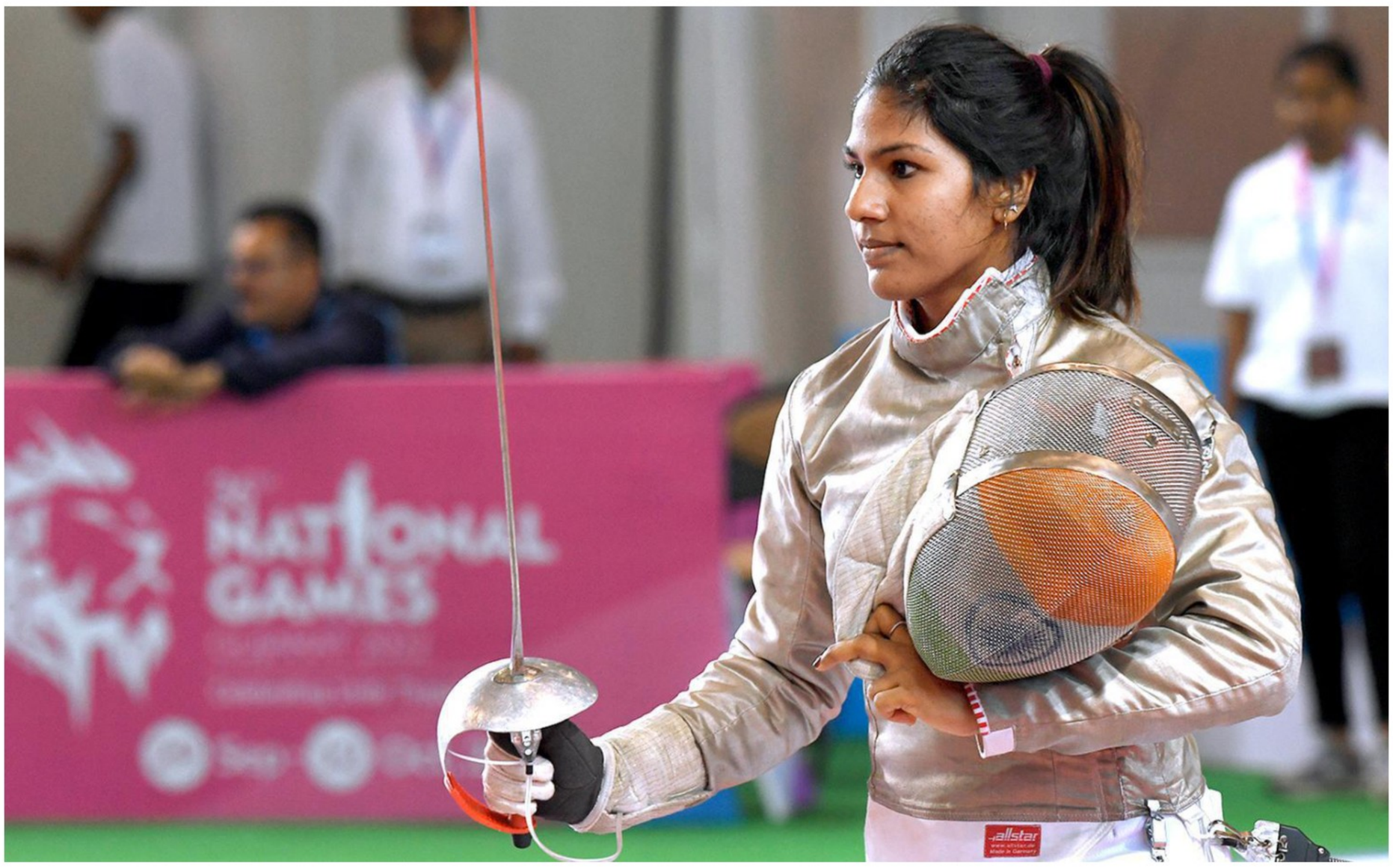

THE GIST

- Bhavani took to fencing when she was 11. She competed in her first international tournament in Turkey at the age of 14. She got a black card (disqualification) for being three minutes late
- She has short-period training camps coming up in Georgia, Turkey and Algeria
- Bhavani will participate in the Sabre World Cup in Algeria, Grand Prix in France, Grand Prix in Tunisia, Sabre World Cup in Lima, Peru, Sabre World Cup Sabre in Athens and Sabre World Cup in Belgium besides the Asian Games in China

> I think fencing is one sport where we see so many nations taking part despite it not being so popular. That makes it very unique

Bhavani's Parisian dream

The Indian, the first fencer to compete at the Olympics, hopes to make her presence felt in the 2024 Games; her confidence has soared with a training stint at the famous Bauer Academy where she has been kept motivated by top professionals

Lavanya Lakshmi Narayanan

Indian fencer C.A. Bhavani Devi recently rang in her 30th birthday. Birthdays for the Olympian usually either mean being home with her parents and getting pampered by a mother who only gets a few days in a year with her daughter, or being on the road competing.

This year, it was a quiet affair in Bhavani's apartment in Orleans, France, where she is currently training.

The solitude is not unfamiliar to the sabre fencer who has spent much of her career as one of, or the only Indian, in the competition list. For years, Bhavani carried the mantle of Indian fencing, a tireless effort which saw her become the first Indian ever to represent India in the discipline at the Olympics, in Tokyo. Her ambition has taken her to Europe to train, first in Italy under Nicola Zanetti and then in France, soon after, under Christian Bauer.

"Bauer is a very senior coach and is one of the best in the world," Bhavani told *The Hindu* from her apartment in Orleans. "He is also my old coach Zanetti's senior... so we have immense respect for him and are a bit intimidated too."

The season has just ended for Bhavani and the work rate Bauer is putting her through is starting to show results. She won the gold in the Commonwealth championships in London in August last year, beating Australian fencer Veronika Vasileva 15-10 in the final to defend her women's senior individual sabre title (she had won in 2018 too).

She followed it up with a bronze in the Asian fencing championship in Wuxi, China, in June, India's first medal at the continental tournament. En route a podium finish, Bhavani beat the then reigning world champion Misaki Emura 15-10 in the quarterfinal before falling to Uzbekistan's Zaynab Dayibekova.

Bauer has worked on everything from technique to posture and Bhavani's opening chapter with the Bauer way of fencing was anything but smooth.

"After Tokyo, I moved to France. The training is different, the school of thought, the positions and technique are all very different from Italy where I trained before. It's easy to understand but to implement it consistently in competitions is quite difficult. Initially, I was losing by small margins and it was hard, but the coach kept pushing me. The efforts seem to be coming together now," she explained.

What separates the Italian way to the French are position and posture.

"I used to squat more and stay lower in the en garde position (the stationary position before the fencers begin their

As one of India's trailblazers in the sport, Bhavani has found herself in contrasting places throughout her career

offensive or defensive movement). Bauer said I didn't need to do that or stress my legs and hips so much. They changed my position according to my body type. They also changed the sabre's positions – sometimes I would go too high or too low. So, we've worked on my arm position and posture. Then we worked on speed, technique and strategy. Basically, it's attack and defence but the way it's done differs from coach to coach," she adds.

The industrial rhythm of training doesn't allow Bhavani to spend time on much else, something she cherished even when the results were not in her favour. She remembered demanding more training time from coach Bauer after a particularly hard-to-digest result a year ago and said she eats, sleeps and breathes fencing.

As one of India's trailblazers in the sport, Bhavani has found herself in contrasting places throughout her career. There are stages like the Commonwealth championship where she went in as the top seed and had to guard against complacency; then there were platforms like the Asian championships, Asian Games and the Worlds where she had to fight nerves after being clubbed with some big names in the sport.

"The Commonwealth championships was tough because you know you can win gold but you're thinking harder about not doing anything wrong and missing the chance. In Cairo, it was the World Championships (where she crashed out in the round of 64). It is mentally difficult because it is the last competition of the season. It's a very important tournament for everyone, particularly to accumulate points and improve rankings. Of course, I am disappointed, but that's what sports is. I know I want to give my 100% every time I compete and I have learnt to take everything in my stride and keep going forward. That's the hardest thing sometimes: to focus on the silver lining," she said.

Besides her match strategy and training schedule, the only other thing Bhavani has had to break into a sweat was in mastering her mother's *sambhar* recipe - a sharp contrast to life ahead of the Tokyo Olympics when funds were also a source of anxiety for the fencer.

"Recently, the mother of Mariel Zaguni (two-time Olympic champion) messaged me, wished me for my birthday and said, 'I see the government is recognising your efforts and your achievements. You should have gotten it before but I am glad it's happening now.' Finance is the basic element of sport, especially one like fencing. We, as athletes, are improving, but to compete internationally, we need to have opportunities like what I have now to keep it going. And money is a necessity there. Athletes should ideally only think about their performance and what they need to do to get better. I am very grateful to the government for being so solid since Tokyo especially; so has the Tamil Nadu government, my employer Tamil Nadu Electricity Board and Go Sports Foundation," she said.

New season

September marks a new season for the fencer and the vision board will sport a lot of the old checklists, the entry in bold being Olympic qualification.

"The qualification phase (for Paris 2024) has started, and it ends in April. I have to be in the top-2 in Asia or I have to win the zonal qualification tournament in Asia to make it. Currently, I am ranked third in Asia. I need to work on improving that position," said Bhavani.

The Bauer Academy and some of its illustrious pupils, including two-time Olympic medallist Manon Brunet and three-time World champion Caroline Queroli, among others, keep Bhavani motivated. Bauer's students welcome his rigorous and relentless pursuit for perfection, even using that to have a healthy competition against each other from time to time.

"Here in the academy for example, we talk about the state of fencing in each other's nations, any innovations seen in tournaments and inputs to improve our process. For fencers who have had the resources to travel and compete internationally, these are automatic, but I've had to cultivate them," she said.

Staying in the country of the next Olympic Games – France – only pushes Bhavani more. "The idea is to do better than what I managed in Tokyo. I want the Paris Olympics to see some of my best fencing."

SPLASHY RUGBY

Rugby is a particularly tough close-contact sport. But played on a slippery surface on a floating pitch, it becomes water rugby — the extra challenging sibling we didn't know we needed!
Water Rugby Lausanne conducted an event over the weekend to commemorate 50 years of Lausanne University Rugby Club. More than 20 teams competed in this touch rugby on Lake Geneva in Switzerland. In this five-a-side tournament, players jump off the pitch and dive straight into the lake to score a 'try'.
Water Rugby is slowly gaining popularity across the world, attracting spectators excited to see athletes try and find their footing on a buoyant pitch, navigate the delicate footing required and willingly dive in to the water.AFP

Fritz, Tiafoe and Shelton are putting the 'US' on the US Open map

Associated Press
NEW YORK

Novak Djokovic gets why male tennis players from the United States are expected to win Grand Slam titles today, the way they did when Pete Sampras, Andre Agassi, John McEnroe and Jimmy Connors were around. And he gets – that's not to say he agrees with – why anything less is not really acceptable to the country's fans.

"Of course, when you are used to champions and No. 1s in the world, Grand Slam winners, anything except that is not a success, right?" Djokovic said.

"It's a very high standard (and) criteria for these guys to meet, that you had players that were Top 10, like John Isner, after Andy Roddick. If (Isner) didn't win a Slam, people think it's kind of a failed career, which is something I don't agree with. But again I understand, because America is such a big country in tennis."

Djokovic is going to need to beat two men from the host country at the U.S. Open if he is to play in what would be his 10th final at Flushing Meadows next Sunday. That's because he'll face No. 9 seed Taylor Fritz in the quarterfinals on Tuesday, while No. 10 Frances Tiafoe meets unseeded Ben Shelton in the other match-up on the bottom half of the bracket.

Fritz, Tiafoe and Shelton give the United States three American men in the final eight at the U.S. Open since 2005, when Andy Roddick, James Blake and Robby Ginepri did it.

Roddick's title at the 2003 U.S. Open was the last major singles championship for an American man.

While Fritz was in the locker room on Sunday, waiting to take the court for his fourth-round match, he kept tabs on TV, while Tiafoe – a semifinalist in New York a year ago – and Shelton were picking up their victories.

"It motivated me more," Fritz said, "because I didn't want to be the one to not make it." Fritz is a 25-year-old from California, Tiafoe is a 25-year-old from Maryland and Shelton is a 20-year-old who won the 2022 NCAA title for the University of Florida.

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Short term Tender Notification No. 03/2023-24
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3.	Last Date & Time for Submission of tenders	25.09.2023 , Up to 05.00 pm
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T.N. No.28 / 2023 - 24 / HDO, Dated:04.09.2023

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, **Scheduled tender, through online only** will be received upto **25.09.2023 15.00 hours** by the Superintending Engineer (H), C&M, **Madurai** Circle under **CRIDP 2023-24,** for the Work of, **" Construction of Grade separator at km 1/2 of Madurai - Thondi road (SH33) including junction improvements at km 0/0 & 0/4"** pertaining to Madurai (H) C&M Division.

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from **08.09.2023** onwards in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in.** If any Changes/Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

Superintending Engineer (H),
C&M, Madurai Circle.
DIPR / 4891 / TENDER / 2023

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
 # 49, East Wing, 4th & 5th Floor, Khanija Bhavan, Race Course Road, Bengaluru – 560 001. Phone No. 080-22265383. Website: www.kiadb.in

No. IADB/ENGG/ETND-EP-10/213/2023-24 **Date: 05.09.2023**

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

Item rate Tenders under one cover system are invited as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from eligible Class-II & above (Electrical) Contractors registered in KCEI who have got adequate financial resources & sufficient past experience for the following works as per the schedule given below:

Name of the work: (1) Re-conditioning, operation & maintenance of street lights at Kapnoor 1st, 2nd & 3rd Phase Industrial area, Kalburgi District. (Others) **(2)** Re-conditioning, operation & maintenance of street lights at Nandur-Kesaratagi 1st & 2nd Phase Industrial area, Kalburgi District. (Others), **(3)** Re-conditioning, operation & maintenance of street lights at Basavakalyana & Humnabad Industrial area, Bidar District. (Others), **(4)** Re-conditioning, operation & maintenance of street lights at Kolhar, Naubad, Naubad Housing, Naubad Autonagar Industrial area, Bidar District. (Others) **(5)** Re-conditioning, operation & maintenance of street lights at Raichur Industrial Area, Raichur Housing, Raichur Growth Center, Manvi & Deosugur Industrial Area, Raichur District (Reserved for SC) **(6)** Re-conditioning, operation & maintenance of street lights at Mundargi 4th Phase, Sanklapura 1st & 2nd Phase Kustagi Induatrial Area, Ballari District. (Reserved for ST), **(7)** Re-conditioning, operation & maintenance of street lights at Mahalbahgayath Industrial Area, Vijayapura District. (Others) **(8)** Re-conditioning, operation & maintenance of street lights at Gokak & Kittur Industrial Area, Belagavi District. (Others), **(9)** Re-conditioning, operation & maintenance of street lights at Aliyabad 1st & 2nd Phase Industrial Area, Vijayapura District. (Others), **(10)** Re-conditioning, operation & maintenance of street lights at Agrotech Park & Asangi Industrial Area, and Honaga & Kakthi Industrial Area, Belagavi District. (Others) **(11)** Re-conditioning, operation & maintenance of street lights at Rayapura, Sattur, Lakkamanahalli, Kelageri & Gadag Industrial Area, Dharwad District.(Reserved for SC).

Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the E-Procurement Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Last date for submission of bids: **25.09.2023 upto 04:30 pm**

Sd/-
Chief Engineer - 1
DIPR/CP/JA/1182/2023-24

INBRIEF

Water adalat tomorrow

The BWSSB will hold water adalat on Thursday between 9.30 a.m. and 11 a.m. in various places across the city to settle problems related to water billing, delay in providing water supply and sanitary connections, delay in converting from domestic connection to non-domestic connection. BWSSB in a release said that the adalat will be held in East 1-1, East 2-1, South East-1, South East 4, West 1-1, West 2-1, North West-1, North West 3, Central 1-1, North East 1, and North 1-1 sub divisions.

Text & Context and Science

Weekday features on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and quizzes. In the latest issue (September 6, Wednesday), the following articles are available:

- How the amended Forest (Conservation) Act imperils the Northeast **bit.ly/amendedfca**
- Criminalising wilful environmental damage is harder than it sounds **bit.ly/biocidecrime**

You can use your smartphone's inbuilt features to access these articles. If it's an Android phone, use Google Lens to read and tap the url to access an article. If it's an iPhone, use Live Text on camera to do the same.

E-paper edition

The Hindu offers more coverage of Bengaluru in the e-paper edition. (epaper.thehindu.com)

In the issue dated September 6, we have an interview with Dr. Anna Spudich, Ph.D in Cell and Molecular Biology at Stanford University. She talks about her introduction to folk healing as a child and the impact it had on her career in exploring traditional healing practices.

First-of-its-kind underground electric transformer inaugurated at Malleswaram

Besides freeing up space on footpaths and making them safer for pedestrians, the underground transformer system will safeguard equipment from storms and variations in ambient temperature, thereby improving reliability of the system; the transformer has been placed 10 feet below the ground

Jahnavi T.R.
BENGALURU

The underground transformer fixed by Bescom under the footpath of 15th Cross Road in Malleswaram, Bengaluru, was inaugurated on Tuesday. K. MURALI KUMAR

The next time you are walking on 15th Cross Road in Malleswaram and stumble upon a concrete platform on the footpath, you might be walking above a fully functional electric transformer. Claimed to be the first-of-its-kind in India, Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (Bescom) and Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) have installed a 500 KV underground distribution transformer, which was inaugurated on Tuesday.

Standing on the 30 mm concrete structure built at ground level, it is difficult to guess that a high technology distribution transformer is busy at work underneath. The transformer is placed 10 feet below the ground. At the ground level, you can see a metal door, which resembles a water sump door. Opening this door reveals a ladder, which gives access to a 480 square feet room that houses the transformer.

This project is the outcome of an initiative to make footpaths safer for pedestrians. Earlier, the transformer had been fixed on the footpath and was posing a threat to pedestrians.

The total cost of the project was ₹1.97 crore with Bescom contributing ₹1.33 crore, which includes installing a 500 KV dry type transformer, 8-way solid RMU, 5-way LT distribution panel, 2 KV UPS, 1 HP submersible water pump, lighting and air ventilation system, and temperature and humidity monitoring system. BBMP contributed ₹64 lakh for the civil work. The project was completed in 365 days, according to an official of Bescom.

Mahantesh Bilagi, Managing Director, Bescom, explained that the underground transformer system will help in safeguarding electrical equipment from severe climatic conditions, including storms and high ambient temperature, thereby improving the reliability and life of the operation.

K.J. George, Minister of Energy, who inaugurated the facility, said more such projects will be taken up in Bengaluru. "While we have already identified transformers that are posing a hazard, steps are being taken to relocate them. After studying the feasibility report submitted by Bescom, we will look at more locations to install transformers underground," he said. While Bescom has already taken up the work of converting overhead high tension (HT) lines to underground cables in a phased manner, future plans include taking its distribution transformers, Ring Main Units (RMU), feeder pillar boxes and other equipment underground. Apart from avoiding electric accidents, this move is also expected to cut down distribution losses and ensure supply of good quality electricity.

BBMP Chief Civic Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath said that when such underground projects are taken up in future, measures will be taken to ensure that the concrete ceiling overhead is aligned with the footpath for the convenience of pedestrians.

Teacher cheated of ₹32 lakh by man posing as Mumbai crime branch officer

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Police advice people not to entertain calls from unknown persons, even if the caller claims to be a police officer

A 50-year-old school teacher in Bengaluru has filed a complaint with the North East cybercrime police against an unknown person who, posing as an officer of the anti-narcotics control bureau of Mumbai crime branch, took ₹32,25,111 from her savings bank account on September 2.

The complainant is a resident of Devanahalli. On September 1, she received a call from a person who claimed to be an executive of a courier company.

He told her that there was a parcel in her name that contained five passports, five credit cards, and a laptop. She explained that the parcel did not belong to her, but the accused told her that the case is now with the anti-narcotics bureau of the Mumbai crime branch. He told her to download an app to talk to them.

She downloaded the app and spoke to a person who claimed to be an officer of the Mumbai crime branch. He claimed that her identity could have been misused for illegal activities. Promising to help her out, he took the details of her bank account to verify whether she received any money from illegal activities. Soon after sharing the details of her bank account, the complainant realised that a total of ₹32,25,111 had been transferred out of her savings account. The cybercrime police are trying to track down the accused based on the money transfer transactions.

The police advice people not to entertain calls from unknown persons, even if the caller claims to be a police officer.

People should not share their personal or bank details with anyone under any circumstance.

Video-based intervention on diaphragmatic breathing helped lower stress among young adults during pandemic: Study

Afshan Yasmeen
BENGALURU

A study by researchers from NIMHANS has shown that a focused video-based intervention on diaphragmatic breathing was effective in lowering stress and negative emotions among young adults during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Led by Rajeev Jayaram Paleri, fellow in Mental Health Education and K.S. Meena, Additional Professor in the Department of Mental Health Education at NIMHANS, the study has been recently published in the Journal of Neurosciences in Rural Practice.

"The situation was stressful due to uncertainty and change to online mode following multiple lockdowns during the pandemic. With excessive screen time/gaming among young adults, there was increased vulnerability of harm to young adults' health due to sedentary lifestyle practices and sleep disturbance," said Dr. Meena.

Breathing practices are found to be an effective non-pharmacological intervention for emotion enhancement. The need was felt to evolve a video-based relaxation approach to help the people in the community, she said.

Dr. Meena said a sample size of 30 young adults from a dental college in Bengaluru undertook pre and post tests of sub-scale of Depression, Anxiety, and Stress Scale 21-items (DASS-21), negative emotion questionnaire, and hair cortisol concentration through enzyme-linked-immunosorbent assay technique. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, dentists and their practice faced major negative consequences contributing to stress.

"The findings indicated that there was a reduction in stress levels as the majority of items on the stress subscale of DASS-21 revealed lower stress at significant levels. In addition, post-intervention participants reported a reduction in experience of negative emotions. Therefore, indicating that the diaphragmatic focused video-based intervention was effective in lowering stress and negative emotions," she said.

Breathing technique

Dr. Paleri said the intervention was a one-time video-based relaxation technique. The students were divided into groups of five and an eight-minute video was shown to them through online video conference platform zoom. The video was divided into three segments of two minutes and 30 seconds each.

The video included an introduction to stress, types of stress, signs and harmful effects of stress. While the second segment was on the effects of excessive screen time, the third segment was on diaphragmatic breathing technique.

Data was collected over from August 2021 to January 2022. The participants were contacted through calls and messages and permission was sought and granted to collect hair samples in-person, he said.

Questionnaire

Manoj Kumar Sharma, Professor at the Department of Clinical Psychology, said a standard screen time questionnaire was employed to categorise heavy and light screen users. "It is an 18-item questionnaire which measures time spent throughout the week on different screen devices. Negative emotions survey questionnaire was used to measure negative emotion," said Dr. Sharma.

"Apart from measuring stress through the stress subscale, hair length of up to 12 cm (split into segments of 6 cm each) was collected from the participants for cortisol analysis. The first 5 cm representing the period from August 2021 to December 2021 was taken pre- intervention. Later, 6 cm of hair was taken from the post- interventional samples in January 2022," he said.

"After this, the video on diaphragmatic breathing as a relaxation technique was shown and a brief explanation about the practice was conveyed. The participants were instructed to practice the technique two-three minutes daily," he explained.

Overall there was a significant decrease in experience of stress.

Food delivery executive fights off muggers

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 21-year-old food delivery executive gave a tough fight to two men who tried to rob his mobile phone and bike key while he was on his way to deliver food in the wee hours of Sunday.

Usman Ghani Laskar was heading to Doddakennundi to deliver food around 2 a.m. when two men on a scooter confronted him. Laskar resisted and raised an alarm, following which two of his colleagues rushed to his help. While one of the accused managed to speed away, the trio caught the other and called the police control room.

The Hoysala patrolling vehicle reached the spot and took the accused to Mahadevapura police station for investigation.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY G20
Tender Notice No. LastMile_Railnet_AllDept
Dated: 30.08.2023
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-tenders for the following work:

Item of Work	Appx. Value
Provision of Last mile connectivity to extend the Railnet network to the important way side stations, PWI offices and Depots, Station Managers, C & W sheds, RPF posts and outposts, SSE Offices of all department etc., in Dharmavaram, Dharmapuri and Mysuru section.	Rs. 1,33,52,702.35

Last date for submission of bids: Up to 15:00 hrs. of 22.09.2023
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Senior Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer Bengaluru
PUB/351/AAV/PRB/SWR/2023-24
S.W.Railways SWRRLY SWRRLY

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY G20
Tender Notice No. Y/E.29/2023-24/30
Dated: 29.08.2023
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-tenders for the following works:

Description of Work	Appx. Value
(Re-tender) Improvements of Illumination at Railways colonies over Mysuru Division.	Rs. 51,04,480/-

Last date for submission of bids: Up to 11:00 hrs. of 20.09.2023
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer Mysuru
PUB/349/AAV/PRB/SWR/2023-24
S.W.Railways SWRRLY SWRRLY

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY G20
Tender Notice No.L7235591B
Dated: 28.08.2023
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-tenders for the following works:
Description in brief: 25 KV drop out fuse switch assembly
(Qty: 100 Nos)
Last date for submission of bids: Up to 10:30 hrs. of 19.09.2023
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Senior Divisional Materials Manager Hubballi
PUB/348/AAV/PRB/SWR/2023-24
S.W.Railways SWRRLY SWRRLY

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to bring to the notice of the general public that one of our client is intending to purchase the schedule property mentioned hereunder from **Mr. A. Ravindra Babu, S/o. Late. Ari Muthu & Mrs. Rajeshwari, W/o. Mr. Ravindra Babu;** any person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof within **10 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our client/s shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
Item No.1
All that piece and parcel of the Site in Property No.88/P1 (Presently No. 88/3), Katha No: 374, formed out of Present Property 88/3, Old Property No.88/P1 (Still Older Property No. 88/1), Situated at: **CHIKKAGUBBI Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru, Kannur Grama Panchayath**, Measuring On Eastern Side 90 Feet, On the Western Side 72 Feet, On the Northern Side 70 Feet & On the Southern Side 52 Feet, In all totally Measuring 4941 Sq feet, together with ACC Sheet roofed structure and bounded on the: -
East by: Road; West by: Kempanna's Property; North by: Udaykumar Property; South by: Main Road;
Item No.2
All that piece and parcel of the property **bearing Site No. 88/P1** (Present No. 88/3), Katha No: 374, formed out of Present Property 88/3, Old Property No.88/P1 (Still Older Property No. 88/1), Situated at: **CHIKKAGUBBI Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru, Kannur Grama Panchayath,** Measuring On the Eastern Side: 46 Feet, On the Western Side 35 Feet, On the Northern Side 87 Feet and On the Southern Side 70 Feet, In all totally Measuring 3179 Sq feet, together with ACC Sheet roofed structure and bounded on the -
East by: Road; West by: Sagaya Rani Property; North by: Remaining Owner's Property; South by: Ravindra Babu Property;
C.K.V.K. LAW ASSOCIATES
Mr. VENKATESH CHANDRAN M.A., L.L.B.
Advocates & Legal Consultants
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Zonal Office
Mumbai

PREMISES REQUIRED

The Jammu & Kashmir Bank invites offers from Owners of premises for **outright purchase/on lease basis** for housing its **Branch Jayanagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka,** preferably on **Ground Floor,** as per the details given below:

S. No	Name of the Branch / Office / ATM	Location	Carpet Area in sq. ft (approx.)	Built up Area/Land Area (approx.), in case of outright purchase basis
01	Jayanagar, Bengaluru	Locality: Jayanagar Tehsil: Bengaluru, District: Bengaluru	1500-2500 sq. ft	_____ Sqft

Further details, requirements, terms and conditions, Technical Bids and Financial Bids proforma relating to the same can be obtained in person from **Zonal Office Mumbai or Cluster Office Bangalore** during working hours and also can be downloaded from Bank's website **www.jkbank.com** from **04/09/2023 under the link "EOI & Tender / Notification" in the Quick Access Tab.**
The interested parties/persons owning the premises and having a clear title over the property should submit their offers in format **prescribed by Bank by or before 25/09/2023 (17:00 PM IST) at Zonal Office Mumbai (BKC) or Cluster Office Bangalore (B-36, Dyavasandra Industrial Estate,Whitefield Road).**
Bank reserves the right to cancel/reject any/all offer(s) without assigning any reason thereof.
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पुरस्कार विज्ञापन

उत्तर प्रदेश संस्कृत संस्थान द्वारा वर्ष 2022 के अधोलिखित पुरस्कारों हेतु संस्थान की वेबसाइट के माध्यम से **दिनांक 06 अक्टूबर 2023** तक आमंत्रित हैं। ऑनलाइन आवेदन करने के पश्चात् इसकी हार्डकापी (सभी संलग्नों सहित) संस्थान के पते पर भेजें। संस्थान में हार्डकापी प्राप्ति की **अन्तिम तिथि 21 अक्टूबर 2023** है। किसी भी कारणवश विलम्ब से प्राप्त आवेदनपत्र विचारणीय नहीं होंगे। क्रमांक 1,2,3,4,6 एवं 7 के पुरस्कारों का पात्रता क्षेत्र सम्पूर्ण भारत है। शेष सभी पुरस्कारों के लिये आवश्यक है कि विद्वान का जन्म उत्तर प्रदेश में हुआ हो अथवा कम से कम 10 वर्षों से उत्तर प्रदेश में निवास कर रहा हो। प्रदेश में निवास सक्षम स्तर से प्रमाणित हो। **'विश्वभारती', महर्षि वाल्मीकि, महर्षि व्यास, महर्षि नारद तथा 'विशिष्ट-पुरस्कार'** हेतु समिति के अवलोकनार्थ विद्वान की कतिपय प्रतिनिधि कृतियाँ भी उपलब्ध कराना होगा।

(1) **विश्वभारती पुरस्कार-(एक) 5,01,000/- (पाँच लाख एक हजार मात्र)**
(2) **महर्षि वाल्मीकि पुरस्कार-(एक) 2,01,000/- (दो लाख एक हजार मात्र)**
(3) **महर्षि व्यास पुरस्कार-(एक) 2,01,000/- (दो लाख एक हजार मात्र)**

उक्त पुरस्कारों के लिये संस्कृत साहित्य के राष्ट्रीय/अंतर्राष्ट्रीय ख्याति प्राप्त मूर्धन्य विद्वान ही अर्ह होंगे। निर्धारित प्रपत्र पर आवेदन-पत्र स्वयं विद्वान अथवा उनके व्यक्तित्व तथा कृतित्व से परिचित कोई व्यक्ति आवेदन कर सकते हैं। उक्त का क्षेत्र सम्पूर्ण भारतवर्ष होगा। व्यास पुरस्कार की पात्रता हेतु विद्वान की आयु 60 वर्ष होनी चाहिए।

(4) **महर्षि नारद पुरस्कार-(एक) 1,01,000/- (एक लाख एक हजार मात्र)**

संस्कृत पत्रकारिता जगत के ऐसे वरिष्ठ पत्रकार, जिन्होंने कम से कम 25 वर्षों से संस्कृत पत्र-पत्रिकाओं में अपने लेखन/सम्पादन तथा प्रकाशन से संस्कृत पत्र/पत्रिकाओं को राष्ट्रीय स्तर का गौरव प्रदान कराया हो या संस्कृत पत्र/पत्रिकाओं के संस्थापक सम्पादक के साथ ही लेखन (ग्रन्थ) समीक्षा, सम्पादन, अध्यापन कार्य करने वाले विद्वान भी अर्ह होंगे। पुरस्कार की पात्रता हेतु आवेदक की आयु न्यूनतम 60 वर्ष एवं क्षेत्र सम्पूर्ण भारतवर्ष होगा।

(5) **वेदपंडित पुरस्कार- (10) 51,000/- (इक्यावन हजार मात्र) प्रत्येक**

इस पुरस्कार हेतु वेदपंडित को वेद की किसी भी शाखा की सम्पूर्ण संहिता सस्वर कण्ठस्थ होनी चाहिये। इस पुरस्कार के लिये वेदपंडित को संस्थान द्वारा आयोजित वेद परीक्षा में भाग लेना होगा। वेदपण्डित पुरस्कार का क्षेत्र सम्पूर्ण भारत होगा। उत्तर प्रदेश में जन्म लेने वाले अथवा विगत 10 वर्षों में निवास करने वाले वेद पण्डितों को 10 अंक का अधिमान दिया जायेगा।

(6) **नामित पुरस्कार- (पाँच) 51,000/- (इक्यावन हजार मात्र) प्रत्येक**

विगत दो कलेण्डर वर्षों में प्रकाशित (वर्ष 2020 एवं 2021) काव्य ग्रन्थ, गद्य, पद्य, विषय की मौलिक तथा उत्कृष्ट संस्कृत रचनाओं को और/या दर्शन, पुराण-इतिहास, धर्मशास्त्र, वेद-वेदांग, तथा व्याकरण की उत्कृष्ट रचनाओं को अधोलिखित नामित पुरस्कारों हेतु निर्धारित प्रपत्र पर ग्रन्थ की 5 प्रतियों के साथ आमंत्रित की जाती है।

(क) कालिदास पुरस्कार (ख) बाणभट्ट पुरस्कार (ग) शंकर पुरस्कार
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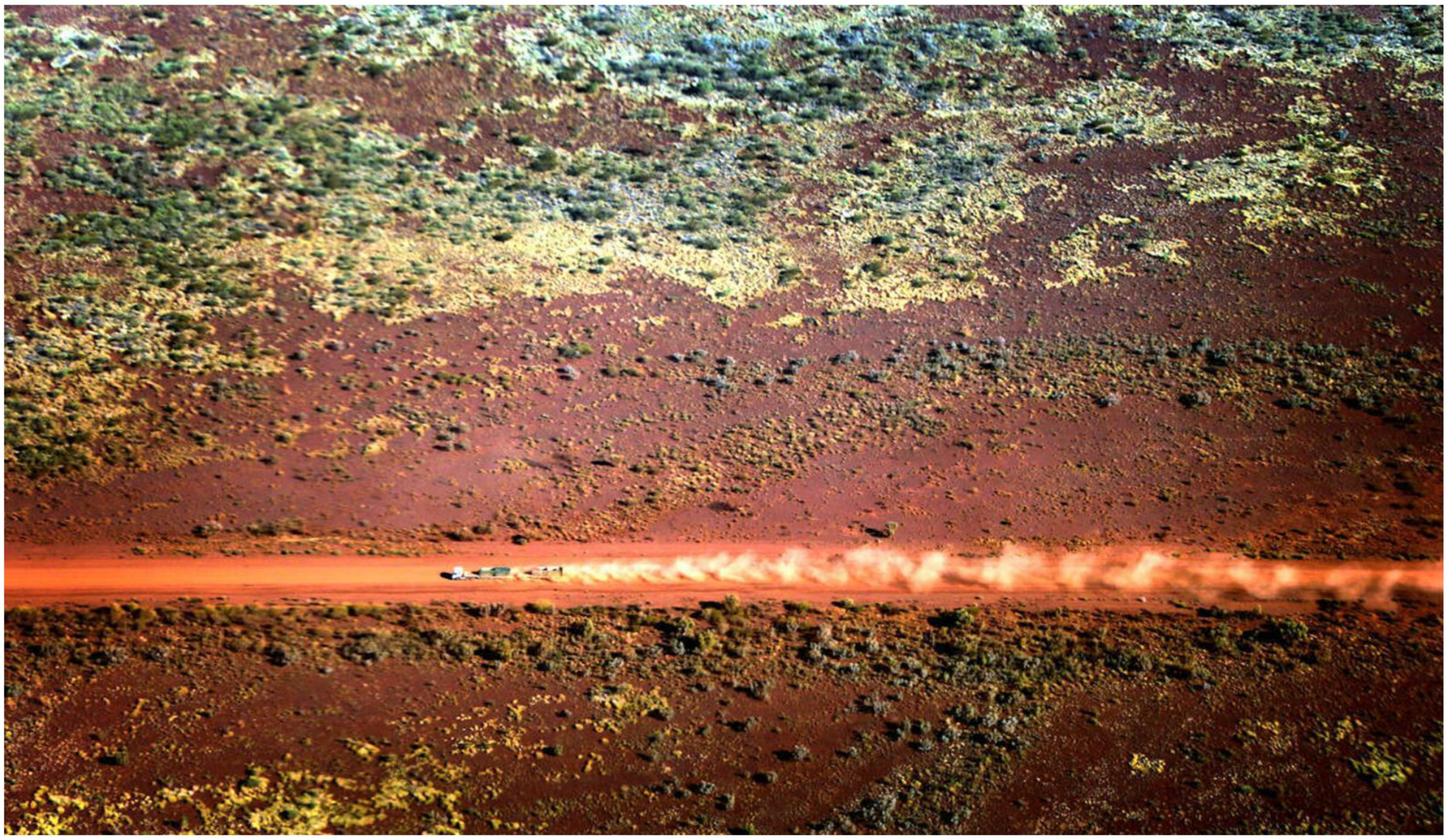

A truck drives along a dirt road in the Pilbara region of Western Australia, December 3, 2013. In a high-stakes case in Australia, a court is hearing whether Fortescue Metals Group should compensate the Yindjibarndi people of the Pilbara for mining ore from land that the community holds as a spiritual and cultural treasure. REUTERS

Criminalising wilful environmental damage is harder than it sounds

While many countries are mulling incorporating ecocide into their respective legal frameworks, debate continues on how it can be criminalised, identifying the burden of proof, and – especially in India – how it will sit with other laws that keep the door open for environmental harm on various grounds

Saumya Kalia

Mexico's 'Maya train' project has acquired a contradictory reputation. Some describe it as a "Pharaonic project", with a route spanning 1,525 km, connecting tourists in the Caribbean with historic Maya sites and costing $20 billion to build. It has also been described as a "megaproject of death" because it imperils the Yucatán peninsula and its rich wilderness, ancient cave systems, and Indigenous communities. The Tribunal for the Rights of Nature in August said the project caused "crimes of ecocide and ethnocide".

Ecocide, derived from Greek and Latin, translates to "killing one's home" or "environment". Such 'killing' could include port expansion projects that destroy fragile marine life and local livelihoods; deforestation; illegal sand-mining; and polluting rivers with untreated sewage. Mexico is one of several countries mulling ecocide legislation. There is also a push to elevate ecocide to the ranks of an international crime, warranting similar legal scrutiny as genocide.

What is ecocide?

The biologist Arthur Galston in 1970 is credited with first linking environmental destruction with genocide, which is recognised as an international crime, when referring to the U.S. military's use of Agent Orange in the Vietnam War. Two years later, Sweden Prime Minister Olof Palme used the term in a speech at the U.N. British lawyer Polly Higgins became the linchpin when in 2010 she urged the International Criminal Court (ICC) to recognise ecocide as an international crime.

Today, the Rome Statute of the ICC deals with four atrocities: genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes, and the crime of aggression. The provision on war crimes is the only statute that can hold a perpetrator responsible for environmental damage, but only if it is intentional and in wartime.

Ms. Higgins proposed that the Statute should be amended to treat crimes against nature on par with crimes against people. She described ecocide thus: "Extensive loss, damage to or destruction of ecosystems … such that the peaceful enjoyment by the inhabitants has been or will be severely diminished." Here, "inhabitants" applies to all living creatures.

There is no accepted legal definition of ecocide, but a panel of lawyers in June 2021 for the Stop Ecocide Foundation prepared a 165-word articulation. Ecocide, they proposed, constitutes the "unlawful or wanton acts committed with knowledge that there is a substantial likelihood of severe and either widespread or long-term damage to the environment being caused by those acts."

Why should ecocide be a crime?

Ecocide is a crime in 11 countries, with 27 others considering laws to criminalise environmental damage that is wilfully caused and harms humans, animals, and plants. The European Parliament voted unanimously this year to enshrine ecocide in law. Most national definitions penalise "mass destruction of flora and fauna", "poisoning the atmosphere or water resources" or "deliberate actions capable of causing an ecological disaster." The ICC and Ukraine's public prosecutor are also investigating Russia's role in the collapse of the Nova Kakhovka dam, which unleashed a flood that drowned 40 regions, and released oils and toxic fluids into the Black Sea.

On one level, ecocide laws are legal instruments to plug a loophole in environmental protection. "None of the existing international criminal laws protect the environment as an end in itself, and that's what the crime of ecocide does," Philippe Sands, a professor of international law at University College London and co-chair of the panel that drafted the definition, said in 2021.

The movement also responds to harsh climate realities. Over a third of the earth's animal and plant species could be extinct by 2050. Unprecedented heat waves have broken records worldwide. Changing rainfall schemes have disrupted flood and drought patterns. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change reiterated in March 2023 that global climate action remains "insufficient".

In this milieu, an amendment to the Rome Statute could prompt countries around the world to draft their own laws, and individual countries that have incorporated ecocide in their laws could in turn build pressure on the ICC.

Nabeela Siddiqui, an expert in environmental constitutionalism, told *The Hindu* that the purpose of ecocide laws is to define the "significant harm" of environmental damage, together with accountability and liability. Deforestation of the Amazon, deep-sea trawling or even the catastrophic 1984 Bhopal gas disaster could have been avoided with ecocide laws in place, according to Stop Ecocide International.

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These laws could also hold individuals at the helms of corporations accountable. "That something is morally questionable usually doesn't hinder investment. Laws provide boundaries and sanctions for investment, as no company or organisation - such as the World Bank - would want to invest in something potentially criminal," two scholars wrote in a 2021 article.

Ecocide laws could also double up as calls for justice for low- and middle-income countries disproportionately affected by climate change. Small nation-states like Vanuatu and Barbuda are already lobbying the ICC to declare crimes against the environment to be violations of international law.

Limitations to defining ecocide

There are also many arguments against criminalising ecocide. Some experts have called the 2021 definition ambiguous and as setting a very low threshold to implicating an entity. Words like "long-term" or "widespread damage" are abstract and leave room for misinterpretation, Prof. Siddiqui said. The definition describes "wanton" as damage that is "clearly excessive in relation to the social and economic benefits anticipated." But this, she continued, constructs a development-versus-environment narrative - one that others have argued could mean that it is 'okay' to destroy the environment as long as it benefits humans.

The threshold to prove 'ecocide' may also be too high. Countries like Belarus and Moldova specify "intentional" or "deliberate" destruction, but "environmental disasters are not caused intentionally or deliberately," Bianca Cassandro, an international law professor, argued in an article. "This wording … may have the effect of limiting, if not excluding, the liability of corporations' top managers' and Governments' officials'."

The ICC also has limited legal powers as well as an uneven track record of converting prosecutions into convictions. Specifically, the court's power is limited to "natural persons," so without any significant changes, the ICC will not be unable to hold corporate entities criminally liable.

Moreover, Prof. Siddiqui asked, "even if you're able to define ecocide, how will you define the idea of jurisdiction?" Experts have noted that most 'crimes' are transnational in nature: corporations have private or State-owned corporations in other countries (which are not members of the Rome Statute) that are responsible for polluting activities. For example, Coca-Cola was accused of poisoning land in South India with waste sludge and pushing thousands of farmers out of work by draining the water that fed their wells.

What has been India's stance?

Some Indian judgments have affirmed the legal personhood of nature by recognising rivers as legal entities with the right to maintain their spirit, identity, and integrity.

More importantly, some others have used the term 'ecocide' in passing but the concept hasn't fully materialised in law. In Chandra CFS and Terminal Operators Pvt. Ltd. v. The Commissioner of Customs and Ors (2015), the Madras High Court noted: "the prohibitory activities of ecocide has been continuing unbridledly by certain section of people by removing the valuable and precious timbers".

In an ongoing case, T.N. Godavarman Thirumulpad vs Union Of India & Ors, the Supreme Court called attention to an "anthropogenic bias" and argued that "environmental justice could be achieved only if we drift away from the principle of anthropocentric to ecocentric" - echoing an argument advanced by many activists, that criminalising ecocide could replace the anthropocentric legal view with a value for nature as a thing unto itself.

India's legislative framework vis-à-vis environmental and ecological governance includes the Environmental (Protection) Act 1986, the Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972, and the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act (CAMPA) 2016, as well as separate Rules to prevent air and water pollution. According to Prof. Siddiqui, these separate laws have to be consolidated into a unified code and institutions have to be streamlined so that debates like the one about ecocide and rights of nature find "their proper way through legal channels".

Notably, the National Green Tribunal, India's apex environmental statutory body, does not have the jurisdiction to hear matters related to the Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972, the Indian Forest Act 1927, and other State-enacted laws.

As a result, mining of sand on the banks of the Chambal river or the Himachal floods would qualify as being environmental crimes under the current articulation but, Prof. Siddiqui said, "how would one go about addressing this, considering the institutions in the way?"

Indian laws are themselves in a state of conflict: the Parliament passed the controversial Forest Conservation (Amendment) Bill 2023 and Biodiversity (Amendment) Bill 2023, which experts have said will dilute current legal protections and will lead to the loss of 20-25% of forest area in the country and the attendant biodiversity and ecosystem issues.

She noted that one critical challenge is to tackle problems of liability and compensation - an example of the "friction between committing to environmental protection and actual action." For example, survivors of the Bhopal gas disaster are still fighting for compensation. The disaster's aftermath has been characterised by an intergenerational impact on health and widespread contamination of soil and groundwater.

Several independent investigations have also alleged that funds earmarked for CAMPA have been misused and/or diverted for other purposes. But despite the National Green Tribunal having slapped fines worth Rs 28,180 crore on seven States, there is little clarity on the total fines collected and the way they were used, according to a 2022 report by *Down to Earth*.

"Even before ecocide laws come up internationally, India needs to first bring its [environmental] laws in tune with the idea of ecocide," Prof. Siddiqui said.

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HC allows actor to construct house in tiger reserve, but with a rider

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Ganesh

The High Court of Karnataka has permitted Kannada actor Ganesh to go ahead with the construction of a farmhouse on his land that falls under the eco-sensitive zone of the Bandipur Tiger Reserve with a caution that he would face consequences if constructions were later proved to be permanent and impermissible in terms of apex court's decisions.

Justice Krishna S. Dixit passed the order while restoring the actor's petition, which was disposed of on August 21 by asking him to reply to the notice issued to him by the Bandipur Eco-sensitive Zone Monitoring Committee on the allegation that he has been constructing permanent structures as against the permission granted for temporary structures.

'Not in violation'

However, the actor on September 1 sought a further hearing on the petition by submitting documents to show that constructions being put up by him are not in violation of the apex court's orders. The petitioner-actor had also claimed that the constructions, similar to the one he is putting up, are being put up in and around Jakkalli, Hanagala hobli, Gundlupet taluk, and Chamarajanagar district where he owns one acre 24 guntas of land on which he is constructing a farmhouse.

The actor had sought permission to continue the constructions subject to further orders to be made by the court and that he would not plead any equity on the basis of such construction if it was later found to be impermissible in terms of apex court's order.

Meanwhile, the State Advocate General told the court that that the authorities do not have any objection whatsoever should the construction be temporary in nature in the light of apex court's orders.

Undertaking accepted

Accepting actor's undertaking, the court permitted him to go ahead with the constructions with a rider that if they prove to be permanent and therefore, impermissible in the light of apex court decision, then he will run the risk of consequences. Meanwhile, it allowed him to submit all documents before the committee in response to the notice.

Former employee of remote sensing application centre booked for misusing data

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A former employee of the Karnataka State Remote Sensing Application Centre has been accused of misusing the data and maps for developing a mobile app for his company.

Director (Administration) D.K. Prabhuraj filed a complaint with the north east division cyber crime police on Sunday seeking legal action.

Mr. Prabhuraj said that the accused, a former employee identified Virendra Patil, was working with the centre between May 2021 and December 2022 as an application developer. During this period, he had access to data and maps meant for the survey settlement department and after he quit the job, he started his own company company and used the data to develop a mobile app using the stolen data under the banner "Know your land."

The misuse of data came to light recently and after verifying the facts to confirm, Mr. Prabhuraj filed a complaint with the police.

The cybercrime police have registered a case against Virendra Patil.

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36,250 in tonnes. The government has been obliged to sell onions from the buffer stock in the past three weeks to control retail prices. PTI

An increase in the number of space start-ups in India

150 An increase in number of space startups from only four in 2014 to more than 150 in 2023 has resulted in the space economy to be valued at $8 billion. PTI

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Laws governing forests of the Northeast

Why did the Mizoram Assembly pass a resolution against the Forest (Conservation) Amendment Act, 2023? Why is the Forest (Conservation) Act not applicable in Nagaland? What are the special constitutional provisions for Nagaland and Mizoram?

EXPLAINER

C.R. Bijoy

The story so far:

On August 22, the Mizoram Assembly unanimously passed a resolution opposing the Forest (Conservation) Amendment Act, 2023, "to protect the rights and interest of the people of Mizoram". The amendment allows the diversion of forest land for roads, railway lines or "strategic linear projects of national importance and concerning national security" within 100 km of India's international borders or lines of control, without a forest clearance under the Forest (Conservation) Act (FCA) 1980. Most of India's Northeast falls in this 100 km range. When it meets next week, the Nagaland Assembly will also face strident demands to pass a resolution against the Amendment. Tripura, Mizoram, and Sikkim – ruled by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) or its allies – have also opposed the 100-km exemption clause.

Is FCA applicable to the Northeast?

Special constitutional protections, such as Article 371A for Nagaland and 371G for Mizoram, prohibit the application of any law enacted by Parliament that impinges on Naga and Mizo customary law and procedure, and ownership and transfer of land and its resources. Such laws can be extended to these States only if their Legislative Assemblies decide thus in a resolution.

In 1986, Nagaland extended the application of the FCA "to government forests and such other forests and Wildlife Sanctuaries under the control of [the] State Government". Government forests make up only 2.71% of the State's Recorded Forest Area. However, in December 1997, the Home Ministry, in consultation with the Ministry of Law and Justice, confirmed to the Union Environment Ministry that the FCA is covered under the term "land resources" and is not applicable to Nagaland, as its Legislative Assembly had not adopted any resolution to apply FCA to the State. Later, in November 1998, the Environment Ministry contradicted itself, when it informed the Nagaland government that FCA is indeed applicable to the State as clarified by the Ministry of Law and Justice. Nevertheless, since 1980, the Environment Ministry has not granted an FCA clearance to forests in Nagaland.

This is not so with Mizoram. In 1986, the Union Territory became a State with the 53rd amendment of the Constitution, adding Article 371G to the Constitution. It stipulated that all Central Acts in force before 1986 are extended to the State, including the FCA. Moreover, the powers of the Autonomous District Councils in the three Sixth Scheduled areas in Mizoram don't extend to reserved forests. So, the FCA covers 84.53% of forest areas that are notified forests, and 6,630 ha have thus far received FCA clearance.

Moreover, the FCA is applicable in the rest of the Northeast – in Meghalaya and Tripura, the Sixth Schedule Areas within these States, and in Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, and Manipur. Arunachal Pradesh ranked first among these States in FCA clearance (21,786.45 ha), followed by Tripura (9,051 ha), Assam (5,261 ha), Manipur (3,604 ha), Sikkim (2,902 ha), and Meghalaya (807 ha).

What is RFA?

Over a million hectares of forest have been diverted nationwide under FCA since 1980. FCA exists to deforest the forest, under the Indian Forest Act 1927 or its State versions. In 1996, the Supreme Court expanded the term "forest land" in the FCA in the *Godavarman* case to "not only include 'forest' as understood in the dictionary sense, but also any area recorded as forest in the Government record irrespective of the ownership", thus extending the FCA to unclassed forests. These are recorded forests but not notified as forests. More than half of the Northeast is Recorded Forest Area (RFA). Of this, 53% are unclassed forests controlled by individuals, clans, village councils or communities, and governed by customary law and procedures. The remainder is notified forest controlled by State Forest Departments.

RFA ranges from 34.21% in Assam to 82.31% in Sikkim with Mizoram having 35.48%, Meghalaya 42.34%, Nagaland 53.01%, Arunachal Pradesh 61.55%, Manipur 78.01% and Tripura 60.02%. Of these, unclassed forests range from nil in Sikkim to 97.29% in Nagaland, with 15.47% in Mizoram, 33.43% in Assam, 42.96% in Tripura, 75.67% in Manipur and 88.15% in Meghalaya.

The apex court's 1996 order brought unclassed forests under the FCA's purview everywhere. There are also forests outside RFA, neither recorded nor surveyed – 38.5% of the forest in Assam; 29% in Nagaland; and 1.5% in Mizoram.

What is the FRA Act?

In the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act (FRA) 2006, "forest land" includes unclassified forests, undemarcated forests, existing or deemed forests, protected forests, reserved forests, Sanctuaries and National Parks. This complied with the 1996 Supreme Court redefinition.

While this benefits most northeastern States, due to the sizeable unclassed forests, the FRA also included a specific provision in the list of rights: "rights which are recognised under any state law or laws of any autonomous district council or autonomous regional council or which are accepted as rights of tribal under any traditional or customary law of the concerned tribes of any State." Nothing prevents these States from taking *suo motu* cognisance of these existing rights and obtaining the concerned Gram Sabha approvals for issuing titles. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs can also issue legally enforceable directions under Section 12 of the FRA, paving the way for this. It would add another layer of legal security to traditional community tenurial rights over forests.

However, none of the Northeast States have implemented FRA except for Assam and Tripura. The reasons include the FRA being 'irrelevant' as communities, clans, chiefs and individuals own most of the land, that their rights are already being enjoyed and a lack of forest-dwellers who are totally forest dependent.

While the Mizoram Legislative Assembly resolved on October 29, 2009, under Article 371G, to extend the FRA and its Rules with effect from December 31, 2009, it did a U-turn on November 19, 2019, declaring the FRA to not be relevant to the State since no claims for rights were forthcoming. It also referred to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs declining to sanction ₹10 lakh to implement the FRA.

The Nagaland Assembly, as required under Article 371A, is yet to decide whether it wants this law. A committee has been looking into it for years now.

How can forests then be protected?

The Environment Ministry mandated FRA implementation and prior informed consent of the Gram Sabha in 2009 to admit a forest diversion proposal. The responsibility was delegated to the District Collector, who ironically also headed the District Committee that issues FRA titles. The Collectors' certificate of FRA compliance in the in-principle Stage I forest clearance was shifted to Stage II final clearance.

But the Ministry's 2022 Forest Conservation Rules eliminated compliance with the FRA before final approval altogether. Instead, it said that State governments "shall issue order for diversion, assignment of lease or dereservation as the case may be ... after fulfillment and compliance" with the FRA "including ensuring settlement of rights".

Taking this further, States can formulate and take legal measures to ensure mandatory fulfillment of the FRA before recommending a forest diversion proposal, and ensuring Gram Sabha consent before handing over forest land. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs can also issue legally enforceable directions under the FRA, or even enact a separate law, to recognise and settle forest rights when forests are diverted for other purposes and forest-dwellers are relocated, as forest rights fall squarely within its Business Rules. This way, the States and the Tribal Affairs Ministry have a way to provide tenurial security to forest-dwellers and protect the forests.

C.R. Bijoy examines natural resource conflicts and governance issues.

A mandate to protect: An aerial view of the Dzukou Valley, in Nagaland. FILE PHOTO

THE GIST

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Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, with actor Prakash Raj, farmer's leader Rakesh Tikait, Congress spokesperson Supriya Shrinate, former Kerala Minister K.K. Shailaja, and activist Teesta Setalvad, at a programme organised by Gauri Memorial Trust in Bengaluru on Tuesday. K. MURALI KUMAR

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Justice will be done to Gauri Lankesh when her killers are convicted, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has said.

He was speaking at the Gauri Lankesh memorial event to mark the sixth anniversary of her assassination, on Tuesday.

He expressed confidence that given the chargesheet filed in the case was good and evidence strong, the killers of not just Gauri Lankesh, but of M.M. Kalburgi, Narendra Dabholkar and Govind Pansare will be convicted very soon.

The Chief Minister's statement comes amidst dissatisfaction over prolonged trial and demands for a special fast track court. However, he was silent on this demand.

"Those who killed Gauri Lankesh are of the same persuasion as those who killed Mahatma Gandhi. Why did they kill them? Because they were fighting for communal harmony in the country," Mr. Siddaramaiah said, adding the same forces were now writing threat letters to writers creating a sense of fear and foreboding among them, on which he has ordered a probe. "Whatever be the political backing they may have, we will not spare anyone to create fear among writers, activists or do moral policing in the State," he said.

Recounting his association with P. Lankesh and Gauri Lankesh, he said Gauri met him many times when he was Chief Minister during his previous tenure, but never asked for any personal favours.

On Sanatana Dharma

CPI (M) leader from Kerala Shailaja Teacher obliquely responded to the controversy over Tamil Nadu Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin's remarks over Sanatana Dharma. She said if Sanatana Dharma meant "Varnashrama Dharma", which divided people into a deeply hierarchical structure, then it could never be accepted. "The Sanatana Dharma propagated by the Sangh Parivar was a poor disguise of upper caste supremacy," she said, lamenting the fight to save democracy and the constitution during the celebration of 75 years of independence was such a sad comment of the times. She said the incumbent regime sought to replace Mahatma Gandhi with V.D. Savarkar, which would be fought tooth and nail.

'Doubled violence'

Activist Angela Rangad, from Meghalaya, was the voice from the Northeast India, given the strife in Manipur, at the event on Tuesday. "The idea of India where a small community like ours [the Khasis] could not only have a voice but a socio economic stake in this vast country, seems very distant under this regime. The double engine government that has replaced federalism has only doubled violence, divide and strife. This complicity of the government is deliberate and by design," she said, adding recent visits to strife torn Manipur gave one the feeling that Manipur was an experiment in North East India, to create an environment conducive for the exploitation of natural resources by corporate interests.

Gauri's family members Kavita Lankesh, Indira Lankesh, farmer leader Rakesh Tikait, and Teesta Setalwad, president of Gauri Memorial Trust, were also present at the event.

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Tumakuru	29	25
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30°C Morning will be pleasant. Day will be slight warm and humid. Night will be pleasant. Spell of light rain and thundershower to occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
31°C A slight warm and humid weather to prevail.Night will be pleasant. Spell of light rain and thundershower will occur.

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Interaction programme

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The Bureau of Indian Standards, Bengaluru branch office, on September 1 organised an interaction programme titled "Manak Manthan"' on Food Serving Utensils made from Agri by Products as per IS 18267:2023.

Over 36 stakeholders from government departments, research labs and manufacturers attended the programme.

Sessions held

According to a release from Bureau of Indian Standards, Premlata Sinha, Scientist-D/Joint Director, M. Pradeep Kumar, Scientist-C/ Deputy Director and other officers of BIS handled the sessions.

Any manufacturer/industries association/ government department who are in need of deliberation on Indian Standards may write to them at bnbo@bis.gov.in, the release stated.

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1	Arrangements of Immersion Tank for Ganesha Festival at Vivekananda Park in Ward No.162 Girinagara.	**2,00,000/-**	4,000/-

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Calendar of Events: 1) Tender documents available from **05-09-2023 onwards.** 2) Last date & time for uploading of Tenders : **14-09-2023 upto 1:00 p.m.** 3) Opening of Tender document will be on: **16-09-2023 at 1:00 p.m.**

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ವಿಚಾರಣಾ ಸ್ಥಳ: ವಿಶೇಷ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಾಧಿಕಾರಿ-6 ರವರ ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಡಿ.ಎಸ್.ಕೆ.ಎಲ್ ಸೆಕ್ಟರ್-5, ಕಾನ್ಫರೆನ್ಸ್ ರೂಮ್, ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ.49/2, ಬ್ಯಾಲಕೆರೆ ಗ್ರಾಮ, ಹೆಸರಘಟ್ಟ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಯಲಹಂಕ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು. **ವಿಚಾರಣಾ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 13.09.2023, ಸಮಯ: ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಘಂಟೆಗೆ.**

ಸಹಿ/- ವಿಶೇಷ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಾಧಿಕಾರಿ-6,
ಡಾ. ಕೆ.ಶಿವರಾಮಕಾರಂತ ಬಡಾವಣೆ, ಬೆಂ.ಅ.ಪ್ರಾ., ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.

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No: EE/PWD/BD/TS-3/2023-24/2063 Dated : 02-09-2023

KPPP Brief Tender Notification for preparation of detailed project reports (DPR's) for the proposed works to be takenup under CEPMIZ (Two Cover Sysytem)

The Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Division, Ballari is inviting tenders for preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPR's) for the Proposed improvements of State Highway, Major District Road and Other District Roads works to be taken up under CEPMIZ as per Standard Bidding Document (KC-4) and KPWD Norms. Two cover tender procedure as per KTPP Act shall be followed. The tender documents can be downloaded through the web-site https:kppp.karnataka.gov.in For any additional information the tenderers may contact the office of the undersigned during office working hours.

Sl No	Details of Works	Road length in Kms	Amount of Bridge Estimate (Rs. in Lakhs)
1)	Construction of Yeshwantnagara RUB on Myalar Toranagallu road SH-40 at Km 130.20 in Sandur taluk Ballari District (PWD/2023-24/SE0021/CALL-3)	-	900.00
2)	Construction of CC road (Elevated Road) from Toranagallu to Hosadaroji road via Tank bund (V.R.) i.e Km 0.00 to 5.50 in Sandur taluk Ballari Dist (PWD/2023-24/SE0018/CALL-3)	5.50	-
3)	Improvements to NH 150A (4 Lane) road from APMC Yard to Halakundi ROB Road from Km 0.00 to 3.00 and improvement and construction of 3 bridges (Mundragi, Guggarahatti, HLC Canal) in Ballari Taluk (PWD/2023-24/SE0009/CALL-3)	3.00	-
4)	Fixing of Road Alignments for 10 Nos. of Roads in Sandur Taluk (Construction of CC road to Taranagra By pass road via S.Gangalapura, V.Nagalapura, Bannihatti check post in Sandur Taluk from ch 0.00 to 5.10 (including land acquisition), Construction of CC road from Laxmipura near Seenabasappa camp to Harishankara MML office via Nandihalli PG Cemtre Road widening & 01 ROB in Sandur taluk from KM 0.00 TO 7.10 (including land acquisition), Construction of CC road from Shushilanagara - Ramagadha to Ghoshala (VR) in Sandur taluk Ballari Dist, from ch 0.00 to 14.10 Km (CC road Length -14.10 Km) (including land acquisition), Construction of Yeshwanthnagara Bypass CC road from Garagara road to Mylara thornagallu(SH-40) road in Sandur TQ (including land acquisition)from KM 0.00 TO 2.00, Construction of Shusheelanagara bypass CC road from Toll plaza SH-40 to Ramagadha road in Sandur taluk from KM 0.00 to 3.10 (including land acquisition) in Sandur Taluk Ballari District under 8443- CEPMIZ - KMERC Projects for the year 2023-24) (PWD/2023-24/SE0015)	62.54	33.21

Tender Process Details : 1) Tender Dcoument can be downloaded in KPP Portal from 02-09-2023 to 12-09-2023 upto 16.00 Hours. 2) Pre bid meeting on 06-09-2023 at 11.30 Hours (o/o Executive Engineer Office, PWD Division Ballari). 3) Last date & Time for Receipt of Tenders 12-09-2023 upto 16.00 Hours. 4) Date & Time for opening of Technical bid 13-09-2023 at 16.30 Hours. 5) Date & Time of Opening of Financial Proposal: will be informed separately to those consultants whose technical proposal is accepted.6) Corrigendums, Addendums and Modifications in Notification if any will be published in E-procurement Portal only.

Terms of Reference may be downloaded in KP-Procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka (https:kppp.karnataka.gov.in) from 02-09-2023. Registered Consultancy firms in E-Procurement are eligible to participate in any number of tender, But on consultancy firm is eligible to obtain Tender. Any information can be obtained from o/o Executive Engineer Office, PWD Division Ballari during office hours on all working days and also through https:kppp.karnataka.gov.in KP-Procurement Portal Helpdesk Telephone No. 080-25501216 & 080-25501217.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
DIPR/Ballari/251/KSMCA/2023-24 Public Works Department Division, Ballari.

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No. BBMP/EE-6/SWM/TEND/01/2023-24 Dated : 05-09-2023

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)
(Two Cover System) (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer-6, Solid Waste Management on behalf of the Commissioner, Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), invites Proposals (Technical and Financial) for appointing Agency for the work detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of Assignment	Amount put to tender (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (Rs. in Lakhs)
1	Supply of required Chemicals and Manpower for Operation & Maintenance of Animal Slaughter House at Tannery Road in BBMP Limits for a period of 1 year.	24.84	0.50

Calendar of Events : (1) Availability of RFP Document from **07-09-2023 at 16.00** onwards. **(2)** Last Date for Receipt of Queries **11-09-2023 up to 15:30 hours. (3)** Last Date for uploading the Filled Proposals is **16-09-2023 at 17:30 hours. (4)** Date of Opening of Technical Proposals is **19-09-2023 at 16:00 hours. (5)** Date of Opening of Financial Proposals after Approval of Technical Proposals KPPP Portal.

For details, Registration and e-Payment, visit GOK kppp portal website **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or contact KPPP Portal Helpdesk at +91-8046010000, +91-8068948777.

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No: EE/KEN/TEND/04/2023-24 Date: 05-09-2023

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) - (CALL-1)
(Single Cover System) (Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, Kengeri Division, BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for the Construction of Works detailed below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approximate Amount of Work (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD Amount (in Rs.)
1	Preparation, Arrangements and Maintenance of Kalyani for Ganesha Idol Immersion at Herohalli Lake Kalyani (Ward No. 72) Herohalli.	**10.00**	**25,000/-**
2	Preparation, Arrangements and Maintenance of Kalyani for Ganesha Idol Immersion at Ullal Lake & Dubasipalya Lake (Ward No.130) Ullal.	**20.00**	**50,000/-**
3	Preparation, Arrangements and Maintenance of Kalyani for Ganesha Idol Immersion at Gandhinagara Lake (Ward No. 130) Ullal.	**10.00**	**25,000/-**
4	Preparation, Arrangements and Maintenance of Kalyani for Ganesha Idol Immersion at Konasandra Kalyani (Ward No.198) Hemmigepura.	**10.00**	**25,000/-**

Calendar of Events: 1) The Tender Documents may be downloaded from the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal of the Government of Karnataka Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 4.00 PM on 06-09-2023. 2)** Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tenders: **12-09-2023 upto 4.00 PM. 3)** Date of Opening of Bids: **13-09-2023 at 11.30 AM.** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Kengeri Division, BBMP.

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ABSTRACT

The various strategies of vaccine diplomacy

In this paper, the authors argue that during the COVID-19 pandemic, for the first time in history, three non-Western powers — Russia, China and India — dominated international vaccine aid

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Traditionally, Western powers have been the major donors of health aid while non-western nations have been the recipients. Aid of this kind has been a part of a country's diplomatic toolkit, to be deployed judiciously in pursuit of geopolitical goals. During the Cold War, for instance, the two big powers, the U.S. and the Soviet Union, both developed and delivered vaccines against small pox and polio, in what came to be known as 'vaccine diplomacy'.

In this paper, the authors, Mao Suzuki and Shiming Yang, argue that during the COVID-19 pandemic, for the first time in history, three non-Western powers – Russia, China and India – dominated international vaccine diplomacy. These countries, which had long been recipients of health aid, finally made their debut on the world stage as vaccine inventors. Not only were they more proactive than Western powers in distributing vaccines to emerging markets, they did so at a time that was remarkable for two reasons – one, many countries were in desperate need of vaccines; and two, Western nations were hoarding vaccines. This provided an opening for non-Western powers to step in. The paper details how, for each of the three powers, their geopolitical aims and political, economic and technological constraints determined the nature and scope of vaccine diplomacy.

The authors profile the three powers on their relative strengths along three axes: vaccine R&D, manufacturing, and delivery. They argue that "countries with an advantage in vaccine R&D would be more open to technology transfer; countries with greater manufacturing capability would be more likely to keep vaccine production within their borders than outsourcing it overseas; and countries with expansive distribution networks would prefer bilateral to multilateral distribution." The authors demonstrate that Russia, India and China fit these three different profiles respectively.

Race to aid: Myanmar receives its first batch of COVID-19 vaccines from India in January 2021. REUTERS

Russia's technology transfer

Russia, which is strong in vaccine R&D and weak in production and distribution, has relied on outsourcing vaccine production with technology transfer. This has two advantages. First, a country with home-grown vaccines "can use technology transfer to either promote sales when its vaccines have low global credibility or encourage offshore production when the country has limited domestic production capacity." Second, "because technology transfer is welcomed by many developing countries striving to secure vaccine supply and to develop their pharmaceutical industry, it can also be used to enhance soft power of the giving country."

Unlike emerging non-Western powers, Western nations don't need to use technology transfer as a bait to attract foreign customers because "their reputation in pharmaceutical R&D is already established". So, this was the approach Russia took with its Sputnik-V vaccine. Riding the rich experience of the Soviet era, it was the first to develop a vaccine for COVID-19. But with severely limited production capacity, Russia contracted out Sputnik-V production to pharmaceutical manufacturers in Asia, Latin America and Eastern Europe. This included a 300 million-dose contract with the Serum Institute of India (SII). The authors also note that the geographical coverage of Russia's vaccine diplomacy overlaps with its sphere of influence, with the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) and the Balkan nations buying Sputnik-V for mass inoculation. Central Asia was its primary target for vaccines sales as well as production outsourcing. Given its limited production capacity, Russia's contribution to COVAX, the worldwide platform for equitable vaccine access, was miniscule, with the bulk of Sputnik-V doses channelled into bilateral deals. Russia's vaccine got approved in 70 countries, but it chose to sell rather than donate, aiming to "increase its presence in the global scene of COVID-19 vaccination, but with no intention to give away vaccines for free".

India's massive donations

As for India, the paper notes that the country was producing 60% of the world's vaccines even before the pandemic. So India's vaccine diplomacy was "characterised by mass-production of Western-invented vaccines, prompt bilateral donations, and large-scale sales to bilateral buyers and multilateral COVAX initiative." The "Western-invented" Covishield was the major currency of India's vaccine diplomacy, as it leveraged the massive capacity of SII, the world's largest vaccine producer. As the SII had already signed a deal to produce AstraZeneca-Oxford vaccines back in April 2020, when it was still under clinical trials, it "had hundreds of millions of doses ready to ship when governments around the world began granting EUAS for the vaccine in December 2020."

India quickly rolled out large scale bilateral programs called 'Vacciner Maitri' (Vaccine Friendship). With more than 90 countries swiftly approaching India, neighbouring countries got priority access to India's donations, the paper states. One of India's largest donations was to Nepal (1.1 million doses), "where India and China are competing over influence." Myanmar, which also shares a border with both India and China, was another big beneficiary of India's vaccine diplomacy. The paper notes two broad patterns in India's vaccine diplomacy: a 'neighbourhood first' policy, and a preference for a range of Caribbean and African states with sizeable populations of Indian diaspora.

But geopolitical interest was not India's only consideration. Also important was the need to cover the cost of manufacturing. So, the sales versus donation conundrum was resolved thus: "India concentrated donations on countries with which it has strong geopolitical and economic ties, but it sold a much larger sum to relatively wealthy countries beyond its geopolitical reach." Thus, even though India bilaterally exported more than 46 million doses to 65 countries between January and April 2021, nearly 80% of these doses were sent on a commercial basis. "Only Bangladesh (3.3 million), Myanmar (1.1 million), and Nepal (1.1 million) received a donation of more than a 1 million doses". At the same time, India sold much larger volumes to countries like Saudi Arabia (4.5 million) and Morocco (7 million). India balanced "geopolitical interests and financial reality by carefully deciding how many vaccines it donates and/or sells and to which countries."

India's vaccine diplomacy, however, was interrupted by the second wave of COVID-19, which hit India in early April 2021. Facing skyrocketing domestic demand amid spiralling infection rates, India banned all vaccine exports starting mid-April. This provided an opportunity for Chinese manufacturers to step up and fill the gap, the paper notes, concluding, "India's bitter experience highlights how a surge of domestic demand can hamper a country's ability to conduct vaccine diplomacy."

In this context, the paper details how governmental support for industry could be a game-changer – both in enhancing vaccine R&D capability and increasing production capacity. Both Russian and Chinese governments poured vast resources into vaccine R&D, but the Indian government did not. Similarly, though China's vaccine manufacturing capacity was initially moderate, "the government poured in resources to help vaccine developers expand production and backed their marketing strategies abroad". In contrast, "In India, SII and Bharat Biotech had to finance their own production without support from the Indian government." It was only in April 2021, amid the Delta wave, that the Indian government agreed to provide $600 million to these two companies to expand production. The paper concludes: "the slow and limited governmental support made it unavoidable for India to delay its promised vaccine delivery to COVAX and bilateral buyers by half a year. This has affected India's reputation as a reliable vaccine supplier."

China's costly investments

Coming to China, the paper points out that "China's vaccine diplomacy is the costliest, with tremendous investments in vaccine development, production, and distribution". Though it arranged its clinical trials, sales and donations across the developing world, it provided preferential access only to African and ASEAN countries – regions that are focus areas of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). While its vaccine aid has been mostly bilateral, the geopolitical rivalry between China and India in South Asia meant that Pakistan became "the first and largest beneficiary of China's vaccine aid".

The paper also notes how the three non-Western powers deployed vaccine diplomacy for image-building objectives as well. Russia, which neither gave away vaccines for free nor considered the developing world as its only market, sought to project itself as a scientific superpower. China's ambition was to be recognised as an "all-round vaccine supplier in the global market". India, with less advanced R&D, sought to sustain the image of a "humanitarian actor who supplies advanced Western pharmaceuticals at affordable prices – a self-portrait that may have contributed to India's active engagement with COVAX."

Case study of Brazil

The paper concludes with an interesting observation about how the BRICS countries "are intertwined in the complex structure of vaccine enterprise". For instance, when Russia received a large order from Brazil, it outsourced production to China and India. China, on its part, had conducted clinical trials in Brazil, and Russia, while it also supplied API (active pharmaceutical ingredients) to Brazil, it had done the same for India for Covishield production. And India has exported Covishield to Brazil and South Africa. Such interdependence, the authors write, "can, at least in the short-term, mitigate outright conflicts between the rising powers."

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know Your English

K. Subrahmanian

"Sir, Mr. N. A. Vedi wants to know how to use the word 'gainsay'."

" 'Gainsay' means 'to deny', 'contradict'. This is rarely used. When it is used, it is used generally with a negative.

There is no gainsaying that he is an idiot.

There is no gainsaying his honesty.

It is better not to use this word."

"Sir, Ms. A. K. Dhar, Srinagar, wants to know how to use the word 'quite'."

" 'Quite' has several meanings. Let's discuss some of them. One meaning is 'completely', 'entirely'.

You are quite right.

It is quite the reverse.

Are you quite sure?

It is also used when you express appreciation or agree with someone.

Quite so, quite right. It is not an easy thing to argue with him.

'Quite', 'quite something' means 'unusual', 'surprising'.

It is quite something to get a Ph.D. at the age of twenty-two.

'Quite another' means 'completely different'.

It is quite another version.

In certain contexts, 'quite' is used to mean 'to a certain extent', 'rather', 'more or less'. It has this meaning when it is used with gradable adjectives and adverbs. A gradable word is that which has several degrees, you can make comparatives and superlatives from them. Good, better, best, small, smaller, smallest. Non-gradable words are those which we cannot modify, we cannot make comparatives and superlatives from them. Such words are 'perfect', 'unique', 'right', 'wrong', etc. You can't say something is more right than another or more perfect than another.

She is quite polite.

She is quite interesting.

In all these sentences, 'quite' means 'to a considerable extent degree, more or less' as the words following 'quite' are gradable. 'Quite' doesn't mean in these sentences 'completely, entirely'.

She quite likes him, but not enough to marry him.

It is rarely used in this sense in American English. Please note that 'quite' is different from 'quiet'. 'Quite' rhymes with 'white' and 'quiet' rhymes with 'diet'."

"Sir, Mr. T. Anjaneyulu of Gajwel wants to know the meaning of 'gulag'."

" 'Gulag' is a system of political prisons and forced labour camps in the Soviet Union."

"Sir, Ms. R. Manu wants to know when 'monies' is used."

" 'Moneys' or 'monies' means 'sums of money'. It is now used only in law. There was a time when it was used in ordinary language also.

The judge wanted to know the moneys that had been placed in the trust."

"Do you know what 'in the money' means?"

"Wealthy?"

"Yes. It means 'wealthy, prosperous, successful'.

He is in the money.

He is in the money because he has married money.

'To marry money' means 'to marry someone who is wealthy'."

Published in The Hindu on April 11, 1989.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

A day after Teachers' Day, here is a quiz on prominent teachers, educators and coaches

Srinivasan Ramani

QUESTION 1

This physicist is renowned for his lectures, one of which is termed, "There is plenty of room at the bottom..". Name him and what was this particular lecture referring to?

QUESTION 2

Some consider her India's first headmistress. A fervent educationist, the city where she worked in the mid-1800s, has renamed its key university after her in 2014. Name her.

QUESTION 3

This chess coach became India's 10th Grandmaster in 2003, at the age of 27. Half a decade later, he set up a coaching institute in Chennai that has produced some of India's finest young talent and Grandmasters, including super GM R. Praggnanandhaa. Name the GM who is now considered one of the finest chess coaches in the world.

QUESTION 4

This person's mode of teaching his students was through argumentative dialogue between them and by asking questions and answering them. He wrote no treatise but his views have survived through the work of his students, one of whom founded the Academy in 387 BC in Athens. Name the person.

QUESTION 5

A school teacher who was called "Masterda" by his students, would later became the leader of an armed insurrectionist group in India's freedom struggle. He was hung to death by the British, for taking part in an armed uprising, in 1934. Name him.

Visual question:
Name this coach, a former Indian Air Force recruit, who later became the director of the Ludhiana Basketball Academy, which produced some of India's best basketball players.

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The wind-speed scale first developed in 1969 to assess the impact on low-cost housing of a storm affecting coastal parts of the U.S. **Ans: Saffir-Simpson scale**

2. In 2010, the scale was modified to remove flooding, rainfall and this from its calculation. **Ans: Storm surge**

3. The basin in which a a storm has never made landfall with the scale's highest rating. **Ans: Eastern Pacific basin**

4. The duration of the average the India Meteorological Department uses to categorise cyclonic storms. **Ans: Three minutes**

5. The name a hurricane is called when it moves into the northwestern part of the ocean. **Ans: Typhoon**

Visual question: Name the typhoon. **Ans: Super-typhoon Goni**

Early Bird: Sumeet Parmar

Word of the day

Edifice:
a structure that has a roof and walls and stands more or less permanently in one place

Synonym: building

Usage: *His office is an imposing edifice.*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/edificepro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ˈɛd.ɪ.fɪs/

For feedback and suggestions for Text & Context, please write to **letters@thehindu.co.in** with the subject 'Text & Context'

Free dementia support line and online memory screening clinic launched

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

To assist individuals and families facing the challenges of dementia, a neurodegenerative brain disease, Dementia India Alliance (DIA), a non-profit, family carer-centered organisation, launched a national dementia support line and DemClinic, an online memory screening clinic, on Tuesday.

The support line services include information, support and guidance, and promotion of timely diagnosis, intervention through online memory screening services.

"All services provided through this support line will be offered entirely free of cost, ensuring access to crucial assistance to all. The free online memory screening aims to mitigate the stigma and encourage senior citizens to get an assessment to promote early diagnosis," said Radha S. Murthy, DIA president.

Addressing mediapersons in Bengaluru, Dr. Murthy said the support line will operate from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. all through the week, except on Sundays. Services will be offered in English, Hindi, Tamil, Malayalam, Kannada, and Telugu.

"Trained psychologists and social workers will be at the forefront of addressing callers' needs, providing empathetic and informed assistance. For those seeking guidance, support, or assistance related to dementia or memory-related issues, the support line can be reached at 8585 990 990," she said.

"The DemClinic will be the first national comprehensive expert-led cognitive assessment platform for the elderly. The initiative is aimed at supporting families and persons with dementia through post-diagnostic care and support," Dr. Murthy said.

DIA secretary Shyam V. said, "There is a dearth of memory clinics, psychiatrists, geriatricians and neurologists in India. This virtual platform is expected to help those with dementia and their families get timely diagnosis and expert advice for post-diagnosis clinical management. Post-screening, individuals who require medical assistance will be guided to senior psychiatrists, neurologists and geriatricians."

DemClinic leverages telemedicine technology to increase access to diagnosis and care. This virtual platform features interactive videoconferencing with experts – one of its key services. The consultation will include a detailed history and neuropsychological evaluation once clinicians have enough information to establish a probable diagnosis, advice on management, and medication will be provided. Periodic follow-up and continuum of care are essential caveats of the services.

Blue Button

That apart, DIA will organise 'The Blue Button Movement' on September 21 to mark World Alzheimer's Day. The blue button is a symbol of awareness and support for people afflicted by dementia.

APPOINTMENT

SHREE BASAVESHWAR SUGARS LIMITED
NH-218, KARJOL VILLAGE, BABALESHWAR TALUK, VIJAYAPUR DISTRICT-586108

WANTED Date:05.09.2023

Applications with full particulars are invited for the following posts in our reputed Sugar,Co-gen and Distillery Plant.

COGEN PLANT

Sl, No.	Position	Eligibility Criteria	No. of Vacancies
I	**MECHANICAL DEPARTMENT**		
1	Dy./Asst. Manager	BE/Diploma Mech. With 10 - 12 years of Experience in Co-Generation Industry with BOE Certificate.	1
2	WTP Chemist	B. Sc with 4 - 5 Years of Experience in Co-Generation Industry.	2
3	GET/DET	BE/Diploma Mechanical (Freshers)	3
4	Ist Class Boiler Attender	SSLC/ITI Fitter with 8 - 10 years of Experience in Co-Generation Industry with Ist Class Boiler Attender Certificate.	1
II	**ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT**		
1	Asst. Engineer	BE/Diploma Electrical with 5 to 7 years of Experiencein Sugar Industry	1
2	GET/DET	BE/Diploma Electrical (Fresher's).	2
3	Electrician	ITI Electrical with 6 to 8 years of Experience in Sugar Industry.	3
III	**INSTRUMENTATION DEPARTMENT**		
1	Asst. Engineer	BE/Diploma Instrumentation/E&C with 5 to 6 years of Experience in Sugar Industry.	2
2	Technician	ITI With 5 to 6 years of Experience in Sugar Industry.	1

SUGAR PLANT

I	**MECHANICAL DEPARTMENT**		
1	Asst. Engineer	BE/Diploma Mechanical with 6 to 8 years of Experience in Sugar Industry.	2
2	Draughtsman	ITI/Diploma in Autocad with 3 to 4 years of Experience in Sugar Industry.	1
3	Fitter B Mill House	ITI Fitter with 5 to 6 years of Experience in Sugar Industry.	1
II	**PROCESS DEPARTMENT**		
1	MFG Chemist	B Sc/M Sc with AVSI/Sugartech with 5 to 6 years of Experience in Sugar Industry.	1
2	Lab Chemist	B Sc with 3 to 4 years of Experience in Sugar Industry.	1

DISTILLERY PLANT

I	**PROCESS DEPARTMENT**		
1	ShiftIncharge/Distillery Chemist	BSc/MSc with Alcohol tech with 4-6 years of Experience in Distillery Industry	4
2	Lab Chemist	BSc/MSc with 2-4 years of Experience in Distillery Industry	4
3	Distillation Operator	ITI Fitter/SSLC with 6-8 years of Experience in DistilleryIndustry	4
4	Evaporation Operator	ITIFitter/SSLC with 6-8 years of Experience in Distillery Industry	2
5	Fermentation Operator	ITIFitter/SSLC with 6-8 years of Experience in Distillery Industry	3
6	Ware House Clerk(Seasonal)	BA/BCom with 2-3 years of Experience in Distillery Industry	4
7	Loading Attender (Seasonal)	ITI/SSLC with min 01 year of Experience in Distillery	4
II	**CPU DEPARTMENT**		
1	CPU Chemist	Bsc with 3-5 years of Experience in Distillery Industry	4
2	CPU Operator	ITI Fitter/SSLC with 4-6 years of Experience in Distillery Industry	3
III	**MECHANICAL DEPARTMENT**		
1	Manager/Asst.Manager	DME/BE with 8-10 years of Experience in Distillery Industry	1
2	Asst.Engineer/Jr. Engineer	DME/ BE with 4-6 years of Experience in Distillery Industry	3
3	Fitter A	ITI Fitter with 6-8 years of Experience in Distillery Industry	4
4	Fitter B	ITI Fitter with 4-6 years of Experience in Distillery Industry	4
5	Fitter Helpers	ITI Fitter with 2-4 years of Experience in Distillery Industry	4
6	Welder	ITI Fitter/Welder with 5-6 years of Experience	1
7	Rigger	ITI/SSLC 4-6 years of Experience	1
IV	**COGEN MECHANICAL DEPARTMENT**		
1	ShiftIncharge/Asst.Engineer	DME/BE with 4-6 years of Experience in Distillery Industry	3
2	Desk Engineer	DME/BE with 3-4 years of Experience in Distillery Industry	4
3	Turbine Operator	ITI Fitter with 5-6 years of Experience in Distillery Industry	3
4	Ist Class Boiler Atender	ITI Fitter with 1st class Boiler Attender Certificate with 10-12 years of Experience in Distillery Industry	3
5	IInd Class Boiler Attender	ITI Fitter with 2nd class Boiler Attender Certificate with 10-12 years of Experience in Distillery Industry	3
6	Fitter A	ITI Fitter with 10-12 years of Experience in Distillery Industry	1
7	Fitter B	ITI Fitter with 5-6 years of Experience in Distillery Industry	4
8	Welder	ITI Fitter with 5-6 years of Experience in Distillery Industry	1
V	**INSTRUMENTATION DEPARTMENT**		
1	Asst. Engineer	BE/Diploma Instrumentation/E&C with 5 to 6 years of Experience in Distillery Industry.	4
2	Technician	ITI Electronics & Communication with 5-7 years of Experience in Distillery Industry	4
VI	**ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT**		
1	Manager/Asst.Manager	Diploma in Electricals/BE in Electrical with 8-10 years of Experience in Distillery Industry	1
2	Shift Incharge/Engineer	Diploma in Electricals/BE in Electrical with 5-6 years of Experience in Distillery Industry	4
3	Electrician	ITI Electrical with 6-8 years of Experience	2
4	Wiremana	ITI Electrical with 4-5 years of Experience	4
VII	**PROCESS, CPU, MECHANICAL, COGEN, INSTRUMENTATION, ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT**		
1	Trainees/Helpers(Seasonal)	ITI Fitter/Electrical /Electronics & Communication/SSLC Fresher's or with min 01 year of Experience in Distillery	48

ADMINISTRATION

I	**Human Resource**		
1	Liasioning Officer/Asst. HR	MSW/MBA with 5 to 6 years of Experience in Sugar Industry.	1

Only Suitable qualified and experienced candidates in similar position are requested to send their Resume/CV by post or E-mail within 08 days from the date of advertisement. Salaries are highly competitive and would commensurate with qualification & experience. Eligible candidates will be called for interview.

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Sd/-
General Manager - Unit Head

Zilla Panchayat Koppal
Sanjeevini Karnataka State Rural Livelihood Development Institute, Koppal
Hospet Road, District Administration Building, Ground Floor, Koppal-583231

No: Z.P.Ko/Sanjeevini/M.No.Tn/01/2023-24/2239 **Date : 04 .09.2023**

Short Term Notification of Tender

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka (Transparency in Public Procurement Order 1999-2000, Transparency Act 2000) as per Standard Lin Document KG - 1 through this Procurement Forum from suppliers as per rules as per Annexure mentioned below, Human Resource Organization, Koppal District, and Taluk Sanjeevini Abhiyan under NRLM Sanjeevini Yojana Scheme. Short Term Tenders are invited for the selection of the Human Resource Agency for providing human resources for posts approved by the State Office to function in District Mission Management Units and Taluk Mission Management Units as there are vacancies under the unit. The eligible HR organization is selected through the e-procurement portal at **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** in this notification and can participate in Short Term tender bidding, subject to all instructions and regulations.

General Instructions: 1) Suppliers should submit online only. 2) Scan and Upload all certificates and documents required for pre-qualification, while filling the online Short Term tender Application. 3) Scheduled E.M.D. The money should be paid online as scheduled.

In case of further information, the supplier may contact Deputy Secretary, Z.P. Koppal Sanjeevini Yojana at his office Tel No: 08539-220002 and online at **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** Short Term Tender and information can be downloaded from the said website from date: 05-09-2023.

1.TENDER REFERENCE NO & DATE: **Sanjeevini Yojana Human Resource Organization Approval Date for Inviting Tender: 17.07.2023.** 2.APPROXIMATE VALUE OF TENDER: **65.87 Lakhs.** 3.EMD AMOUNT: **1.32Lakhs.** 4.TENDER COMMENCEMENT DATE: **05-09-2023.** 5.LAST DATE AND TIME FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS: **13-09-2023 5:00 pm.** 6.TIME AND DATE OF OPENING OF TECHNICAL BIDS: **14-09-2023 11.00 am.** 7.TIME AND DATE OF OPENING OF FINANCIAL BIDS: **After Technical bids Approving of Tender Approving Authority.** 8.Letter of Intent : **02-10-2023.** 9.Contract Period : **One year.** 8.PLACE OF OPENING OF TENDERS: **ZIlla PANCHAYATH KOPPAL**

Note: At the time of opening of bids, the suppliers participating in the Short Term tender will be E.M.D. And original documents of other certificates should be provided for verification.

Sd/-Chief Executive Officers
Zilla Panchayat, Koppal

DIPR/Koppal/127/KSMCA/2023-24

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Class X, XII students can attempt 3 annual exams

It is compulsory for regular students to appear for exam 1 and repeater and private candidates can take up exam 2 and 3. Even if they write the same subjects in different exams, scores from the best of the three will be retained on the final marks card. There will be no mention of the exam on the card.

Ramachandran R., chairman, KSEAB, said, "At present if a student who has passed the Class XII is not satisfied with the marks obtained in any subject in the annual exam, there is an option to reject the marks obtained in that subject and take up the exam again. But the marks obtained in the supplementary exam are considered final. This system is not student-friendly because they have no option to keep their best score among the marks obtained in the two exams. If we adopt the revised system, it will provide an opportunity to improve the score by retaining the best marks scored in the first, second and third exam and provide better opportunities for further studies or employment."

Mr. Ramachandran also said clear guidelines for students regarding the revised examination system will be issued by the board through a circular.

KRRS files plea before SC seeking to implead in case related to T.N. petition

It accuses Karnataka govt. of ignoring farmers' interests with respect to Cauvery waters and being unmindful of their right to drinking water, irrigation

CAUVERY ROW

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha has filed an application before the Supreme Court seeking to implead as a respondent in the case related to Tamil Nadu's petition on August 14 seeking release of Cauvery water from Karnataka.

In the application filed by KRRS leader and MLA Darshan Puttannaiah, the farmers' body has sought permission to file documents and affidavits before the court.

The KRRS said that people of Karnataka, who are dependent on Cauvery water, would be at peril and the life of farmers in the basin districts would be affected if the petition of Tamil Nadu seeking direction to Karnataka to release water is entertained by the court.

'Mechanically obeying'

The KRRS has also accused Karnataka government of ignoring the interests of farmers with respect to Cauvery waters. It has stated that Karnataka has been mechanically obeying instructions related to water release from time to time, unmindful of its farmers' right over drinking water and irrigation. It has also accused Karnataka government of jeopardising its farmers' right to life and livelihood granted by the Constitution.

Cauvery water flowing under Wellesley bridge near Srirangapatana in Mandya district. BHAGYA PRAKASH K.

The KRRS has said that the total storage in the reservoirs of Cauvery basin in Karnataka as on June 1 was 24.352 tmcft as against Tamil Nadu's 86.43 tmcft. The water requirement for Tamil Nadu for growing Kuruvai crop from June to September is 32.27 tmcft for irrigating 1,85,100 acres of crop as recognised by Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal (CWDT), it said.

However, during the half of the Kuruvai season itself, Tamil Nadu had used about two times the quantum of water allocated for it and it may end up using four times the water allocation (129 tmcft as against the allocated 32.27 tmcft) by the end of Kuruvai season, the KRRS contended. Referring to the excessive water usage, the KRRS contented that the area allowed for Kuruvai crop irrigation in Tamil Nadu might be 7,40,000 acres as against the allowed quantum of 1,85,100 acres.

What use is education if degree holders become casteist, asks CM

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

"The purpose of education is not just earning degrees, but making children global citizens. If students don't develop scientific temper and rationality, they cannot be called well-educated only because they have degrees and doctorates. What is the need of education if degree holders become casteist," asked Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

He was speaking on the occasion of Teachers' Day at an event organised by the Department of School Education and Literacy and Department of Higher Education at Vidhana Soudha on Tuesday.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Higher Education Minister M.C. Sudhakar, Primary Education Minister Madhu Bangarappa and others with awardees during the Teachers' Day celebration at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Tuesday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

Pillars of ideal society

Terming farmers, soldiers, teachers as the pillars of an ideal society who shape the future of the country, he said the Constitution has provided opportunity for education to all. "Therefore, protection of the Constitution is our responsibility," Mr. Siddaramaiah said.

Even after 76 years of Independence, literacy has not reached 100%. Those deprived of education will be the victims of inequality, he said. He added that if the dream of our freedom fighters had to come true, everyone should get scientific and rational education and the country should advance on the path of progress. The CM said all teachers have the same training while entering the profession, but, every teacher must question themselves about why the result rate and educational quality of districts differed.

From deprived sections

"In rural areas, 80% of the children in government schools come from the deprived classes. We implemented Ksheera Bhagya scheme to facilitate their education. Eggs are provided twice a week to students till Class 10. The government is providing shoes to the students. We started the programme of providing laptops to children of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. It was stopped by the previous government. We have now continued to give laptops," he added.

As many as 20 teachers from primary schools and 11 from high schools, two principals and 8 lecturers of PU colleges and two government first grade college lecturers were felicitated with the Best Teacher Award.

India is accepted name, changing it is not required, says Siddaramaiah

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has said that attempts to change the name of the country from India to Bharat are "not required" as the word India has been accepted. He pointed out that "India" is incorporated in the Constitution of India.

Mr. Siddaramaiah was reacting to controversy that has erupted after a G-20 dinner invite went out in the name of 'President of Bharat'. When his reaction was sought, the Chief Minister said, "In our Constitution, India is incorporated and it is called the 'Constitution of India'. India is an accepted word for our country. Making it Bharat... I don't think it is required."

'Fear of INDIA alliance'

Deputy Chief Minister and KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar, meanwhile, described the idea of a name change as 'politicking' and stemming out of the BJP's fear of the recently-formed INDIA alliance.

Speaking to reporters in Kanakapura, he said, "This is the Republic of India, our currency notes too say Reserve Bank of India... Just because we [various non-NDA parties] have called our alliance INDIA, they [BJP at the Centre] is unable to digest it and are planning to do this. It shows the fear they have about our emergence, how much they are affected, and that they are able to sense their defeat." Various Ministers in the Siddaramaiah-led Cabinet expressed similar sentiments.

Meanwhile, several BJP leaders said that the name 'Bharat' evokes cultural pride and it should be welcomed. "Just as we say 'Hindu rashtra' with pride, the word 'Bharat' also fills us with pride and self-respect," said former Minister V. Sunil Kumar.

15 to 20 legislators will be appointed to boards, corporations: Shivakumar

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

With simmering discontent in the ruling Congress, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Tuesday said appointments of heads to the government-owned boards and corporations would be made soon, and both Congress legislators and party workers would be placed in these posts.

Mr. Shivakumar, who is also the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee president, indicated that about 15 to 20 party MLAs and MLCs who were keen to hold the posts would be accommodated, and the rest of the posts would be given to loyal party workers.

D.K. Shivakumar

"We will do it, don't worry," Mr. Shivakumar told reporters in response to a question on reports about discontent in the party over the delay in appointments to various boards and corporations, despite it being over 100 days since the party came to power in the State.

The KPCC chief said about 15-20 legislators may opt for board/corporation posts. "Only 20 to 25 legislators are asking, out of which we will appoint 15 to 20. Rest will be given to party workers for the term of 30 months," he said.

As the party secured 135 seats and the Cabinet size has been fixed at 34, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Mr. Shivakumar have been under pressure from MLAs who did not make it to the Cabinet. They hope to become heads of boards and corporations.

Meanwhile, Basavaraj Rayaraddi, senior MLA, said he was aspiring to become a Minister, but he was not unhappy about not being inducted into the Cabinet. He said he would remain in the Congress and stressed upon the need for providing better governance to people.

Prajwal moves HC seeking stay on verdict till he approaches SC

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Prajwal Revanna, grandson of former Prime Minister and JD(S) national president H.D. Deve Gowda, on Tuesday moved the High Court of Karnataka seeking a stay of its September 1 verdict of declaring his election to Lok Sabha from Hassan constituency as null and void. He made the request for staying the verdict till he filed an appeal before the Supreme Court challenging the High Court verdict.

Justice K. Nataraja, before whom an interlocutory application filed by Mr. Prajwal came up for hearing, adjourned hearing on it till Friday while asking the respondents, A. Manju and G. Devaraje Gowda, who filed petitions in 2019 questioning the legality of his election, to file their objections for staying the verdict. As per the provisions of the Representation of Peoples Act, 1951, the appeal against the verdict in an election petition will have to be filed by 30 days from the date of the HC judgement. The court had set aside Mr. Prajwal's election on the grounds that he had indulged in a series of corrupt practices like non disclosure of proper details of income and assets, wrong disclosure of value of properties, indulging in booth capturing and proxy voting, election expenditures in excess of the limit prescribed by the Election Commission of India, etc., under the provisions of the RP Act, 1951.

On finding that former Minister H.D. Revanna and Suraj Revanna, the father and brother of Mr. Prajwal too had indulged in corrupt practices to help him to win, it issued notice to both of them to hear them before making a declaration under the Act that they too indulged in corrupt practices.

TAMIL NADU WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE BOARD
NOTICE INVITING TENDER THROUGH E-TENDER
NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING
NIT No.14&15 /F.UGSS to Hosur Corporation(CS)/ DO / CE/VLR/2023/ Dt. 01.09.2023

E-bids are invited from the eligible bidders (Registered Class I Contractors-Civil) for the following works as per the procedure of TWAD Board under two cover **ITEMRATE TENDER** system conforming to the Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act, 1998 and Rules 2000.

NIT No.	Name of work	Aprox. Value (Rs. In Crore including GST)	Bid Security	Pre bid meeting Date	E-Bid Submission closing Date	E-Bid Opening Date
14	Providing Under Ground Sewerage Scheme to Hosur Corporation (part) in Krishnagiri District covering Zone I to V - Collection System and allied works **(Package- I)-** Construction period of 36 months followed by Trial Run for 6 months and commissioning including 60 months (5 years) operation and maintenance period.	**Rs.157.00 Crore**	**Rs.1.57 Crore**	**27.09.2023 at 11.00 Hours**	**18.10.2023 upto 15.00 Hours**	**19.10.2023 at 15.30 Hours**
15	Providing Under Ground Sewerage Scheme to Hosur Corporation (part) in Krishnagiri District covering Zone VI to XI - Collection System and allied works **(Package-II)**- Construction period of 36 months followed by Trial Run for 6 months and commissioning including 60 months (5 years) operation and maintenance period.	**Rs.234.00 Crore**	**Rs.2.34 Crore**	**27.09.2023 at 11.00 Hours**	**18.10.2023 upto 15.00 Hours**	**19.10.2023 at 15.30 Hours**

Fund: AMRUT 2.0 & KFW

EMD by online transfer only through NIC Portal. The tenderer shall submit scanned copy of online transaction statement towards EMD as part of Technical bid.

Availability of tender documents and e-bid submission is permitted through tender portal / website: **"https://tntenders.gov.in".** For all other details refer tender schedule in the website from **13.09.2023.**

DIPR/ 4933 /TENDER/2023 SAVE WATER, CONSERVE WATER, EVERY DROP COUNTS **Chief Engineer (i/c), TWAD Board, Vellore.**

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL, MEDICAL EDUCATION & TRAINING, U.P.
6th Floor, Jawahar Bhawan, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

No. ME-3/2023/2124 Lucknow Dated 05 September, 2023

TIME SCHEDULE FOR MOP-UP ROUND ONLINE COUNSELING OF UP NEET UG-2023

The schedule of online couseling for admission to undergraduate courses (MBBS/BDS) of Government/Private Medical/Dental Colleges/Institutions/ Universities is as follows :-

S. No.	Description	Date	Total Days
1.	Date of Online Registration	8th September 2023 (From 11:00 AM) To 11th September 2023 (Till 5:00 PM)	04 Days
2.	Date of deposition of Registration & Security money	8th September 2023 (From 11:00 AM) To 12th September 2023 (Till 11:00 AM)	04 Days
3.	Date of on-line Document verification	8th September 2023 to 12th September 2023 (Till 05:00 PM)	05 Days
4.	Date of Merit List Declaration	12th September 2023	01Days
5.	Date of on-line Choice filling	13th September 2023 (From 05:00 PM) to 15th September 2023 (Till 05:00 PM)	02 Days
6.	Date of Allotment Result Declaration	16th/17th September 2023	01Days
7	Date for downloading the allotment letters and admission	18th September 2023 to 21st September 2023	04 Days

1 Candidates should assess their eligibility on their own according to the G.O (Government order)/Brochure of UP NEET UG 2023.
2 Only those candidates will be eligible for the mop-up round, who have not been allotted any seat through the first and second round of counseling of UP NEET UG-2023
3 Candidates allotted through first or second round of counseling of UP NEET UG-2023 and candidates allotted/admitted through all India quota and any round of other state counseling will not be eligible for the Mop-up round.
4 To participate in counseling, it will be mandatory for all eligible candidates to register themselves online on the website https://upneet.gov.in by depositing the registration fee of Rs. 1000/- (Rs. One Thousand only.)
5 Security Money Rs. 30,000/- (Rs. Thirty Thousand Only) for Govt. Medical Colleges, Rs. 2,00,000/- (Rs. Two Lakhs Only) for private medical colleges and Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Only) for Private dental colleges is mandatory to be deposited online by the candidates.
6 Such unallotted candidates whose Security money has already been deposited are not required to deposit the Security money again for the Mop-up Round Counseling.
7 Candidates whose original documents have been verified at the time of first/second round of counseling need not get re-verified.
8 Only those candidates will be eligible for choice filling, whose documents have been verified online and deposited the security money.
9 All information related to UP NEET UG 2023 counseling will be uploaded on website https://upneet.gov.in and www.dgme.up.gov.in

(Director General)
Medical Education & Training, U.P.

Sharpshooter's death: Hassan DFO to get notice

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Following an increase in the number of human-animal conflict cases, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday instructed Forest Department officials to adopt scientific measures to control animals from entering human habitation. Noting the death of sharpshooter H.H. Venkatesh, who was hired to tranquilize an elephant, Mr. Siddaramaiah sought details from officials on precautionary measures taken to treat the injured elephant. He directed them to issue a show-cause notice to the Divisional Forest Officer (DFO), Hassan.

In a tragic incident, the Karnataka Forest Department's attempt to treat an injured wild elephant turned fatal when the hired sharpshooter, Venkatesh, was killed by the elephant named Bhima in Halliyur village in Hassan district.

The CM chaired a meeting to find out ways to reduce human-wild animal conflict with Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre and senior officers and expressed his concern over the death of 11 people in 15 days due to elephant attacks and the death of a 10-year-old boy Krishna Naik in Kallahatti village in H.D. Kote taluk in Mysuru district.

Mr. Khandre explained that ₹100 crore has been allocated to build rail fences to keep elephants away from entering human habitat. The department has sought ₹500 crore to install railway barricades to prevent elephants from coming out of forests. He said that of the allotted amount, ₹54 crore has to be paid for last year's balance and a 50 km fence can be built from the remaining amount. He requested for additional funds.

The Chief Minister immediately responded and asked him to spend additional ₹100 crore along with ₹54 crore.

The Minister said that though Karnataka had the highest elephant population at 6,395, the deaths in elephant attacks were less compared to other States due to railway barricades and solar fencing among other measures initiated in the State. This, he said, was less in comparison with Jharkhand that has 700 elephants reporting 80 deaths annually while 55 deaths are reported annually in West Bengal that has 750 elephants.

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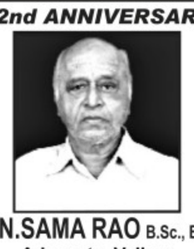

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"An extraordinary soul
Lived for principles
Leading us every moment"

Fondly remembered by:
VALLUR FAMILY MEMBERS

‘There is a great deal of information to be gained from traditional medical sources’

There are attempts by organisations in India to document regional folk medical traditions. The Tropical Botanical Gardens in Kerala has been very active, says Anna Spudich

INTERVIEW

Anna Spudich

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An exhibition curated by Anna Spudich

Anna Spudich

Annamma (Anna) Spudich still remembers the Pala tree she would walk past on her way to school as a six-year-old. She would be accompanied by her cousin, then in her teens, remembers Dr. Spudich, who holds a Ph.D in Cell and Molecular Biology at Stanford University and was a research scientist at Stanford for 25 years. “The tree would produce white flowers at a certain time of the year,” she says, recalling how it fell twirling to the ground, because of the way the petals were positioned.

When she passed the tree in full bloom, however, her cousin would tell her to run, she says. “We were told that when the tree bloomed, you should not walk under it because there was a *yakshi* in residence,” says Dr. Spudich, who left her career in basic science in 2000 to explore the medical-botanical traditions of Southwest India.

Later, she discovered that the pollen of the Pala flower contains a potent nasal irritant that many people are highly allergic to. “Legends and stories, some of which are considered by modern science to be unrelated and absurd, codify medicinal plants and healing,” says Dr. Spudich, pointing out that storytelling was often an important tool to preserve and disseminate traditional folk medical knowledge.

Dr. Spudich, a visiting scholar at National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS) in Bengaluru since 2008, who delivered a lecture titled *European Records of Botanical Medical Knowledge of Southern India* at the Archives at NCBS, last month, speaks about her journey.

Could you talk a little about your introduction to folk healing as a child growing up in Kottayam, Kerala? How did your training as a molecular biologist shape the way you approached this tradition?

My interest in medicinal plants, their properties, and how they contain important bioactive molecules came partly from my scientific training and partly from the experience of growing up in Kerala. When I was growing up in the 50s and 60s, traditional medicine was very much a part of everyday life. You didn’t think about consulting a biomedical physician for my neck ailments, and antibiotics weren’t so common back then.

When you had a small cold or congestion, you would try something that was part of everyday life, like pepper water or cumin water. Or, if you had an intestinal upset, your grandmother would make some food that would take care of it. So, I was very aware of the idea of traditional medicine being a very important component of healthcare. And beyond that, the folk medical healers or *vaidyas* were consulted. Extracts, decoctions, poultices and so on, that were made from regional medicine or plants, were more commonly used than biomedicines.

During my career as an experimental scientist, I worked on the cytoskeleton of the cell, an important component that controls many functions of every type of cell in the body. Interestingly, it turns out that some of the small molecules that interrupt and influence the assembly of the cytoskeletal proteins in a cell are derived from plants and natural products. A cursory search also showed that some of the most successful and commonly used biomedical drugs are derived from natural products. For example, aspirin, and the malaria drug, quinine, were discovered for brand medical uses by traditional societies.

As I got more and more into basic sciences, I started to be intrigued by the idea that there is a great deal of information to be gained from traditional medical sources, that we as experimental scientists, were not taking advantage of. The extensive knowledge of single medicinal plants could build many successful therapies for intractable diseases. For instance, I was intrigued to discover the story of the drug reserpine from the Indian bazaar medicine Sarpagandhi and the enormous impact it had on understanding complex neural pathways.

You made a switch from experimental science to folk healing, a fairly drastic shift. Can you talk about what caused this move?

Many years ago, when my husband was a postdoctoral fellow at Cambridge, I started spending my spare time in the Cambridge library. There I came across a volume called *The Greate Herball* written by the British herbalist, John Gerard, published at the end of the 16th century, a 3-inch-high tome. It was intriguing for me to open the book and see images of Indian medicinal plants in the book. He had never been to India himself but had described around 200 or so Indian medicinal plants in the book.

I became aware of the fact that Indian medicines were available and used in Europe, as early as the 16th century. Also, I have always been interested in the history of East-West interactions and this revelation of the flow of knowledge from India to the West intrigued me.

I decided, after some thought, that while experimental science was interesting and had done some good work in it, there was a whole area I could make a mark that would bring together my Indian background and the science I was engaged. So, I took the step of leaving experimental science.

During the talk at NCBS, you brought up several books and papers documenting these medicinal plants, and how they were inaccessible to many Indians until translated. Can you expand on this? Was it because of the oral tradition of these systems?

The earliest European works on Indian medicines record folk regional medical practices and not the classical text-based Ayurvedic tradition. In many cases, these European works are valuable records of vanished Indian traditional folk medicines since folk medical knowledge was passed on within families by word of mouth or in family-owned palm leaf manuscripts.

The earliest European works, made for the benefit of European colonists in India, were in European languages: like the 12-volume *Hortus Malabaricus* that records 700+ medicinal plants of the Malabar region. Also, the later British works on Indian medicine of course are more readily available.

Have there been any recent attempts to codify and document these traditions within the country?

There are attempts by organizations in India to document regional folk medical traditions and databases are now available. The Tropical Botanical Gardens in Kerala I understand has been very active in this area. Also, Traditional Knowledge Innovation of Kerala (TKIK) is attempting to digitize palm leaf manuscripts of the ashtavaidya families of Kerala.

What is the difference between folk and codified Ayurveda medicine? Also, why do people prefer biomedicine over these traditional healing practices today?

Ayurvedic physicians, like the ashtavaidyas, were trained according to the classical texts of Ayurveda by physicians whose learning was based on text-based codified medicines. These scholar physicians are, of course, the most scholarly of traditional medical practitioners. I started my inquiry into traditional medical practices through extensive interviews with three of the most important scholar physicians of the classical ashtavaidya tradition, including the late Olassa Chiratamon Narayanan Mooss.

But I knew from personal experience that a whole other realm of therapies based on folk medicines existed. I extensively interviewed a Carmelite monk physician, Br. Anthony Panakkal, is famous for his knowledge of poison therapy.

I followed some of his patients who were sent to him by biomedical physicians, for specific therapies dealing with wound healing from poisonous snakebites. He had an extensive medicinal plant garden and prepared all his own medicines according to the nature of the poison he was dealing with to great effect.

I also interviewed a tribal healer in Attapaddy, and others known for their practice specific to different disease areas and learned that these practices were complementary and covered different aspects of everyday health care.

Today, biomedicine is so prominent, and the potential of traditional medicine especially single plant-based folk medical therapies is on the decline. Many factors influence why we choose biomedicine today. Traditional medical therapies often come with restrictions of diet and lifestyle, where you have to observe certain practices while undergoing treatment; dietary restrictions, for instance, and also traditional medical therapies are often slower acting.

I remember Olassa ashtavaidya, telling me that the healing process had 4 pillars: the medicine, the physician, the patient, and the lifestyle condition. All of those were required for the healing process. It is a complex process as you have to modify your body and behaviour for wellness. Many people don’t have the interest, time, and commitment, so they migrate toward taking potent medicines.

However, there are some attempts to integrate the two. The Arya Vaidya Sala Kottakkal (AVS), for instance, is one institute in India that has managed to practice, side by side, biomedicine and Ayurvedic medicine. They have a strong program to integrate the two ways of healing. Also, today, most Ayurveda diagnostics are based on biomedical diagnostics with the disease being interpreted in biomedical terms.

One of the things you have spoken about extensively, and curated several exhibitions around, is the links between colonisation and Indian traditional medicine. Can you tell us more? What made Indian traditional medicine so powerful?

One of the reasons Indian medicines were powerful is that the knowledge of the healing properties of plants goes way back: the Vedas for example refer to, ‘the herbs, the firstborn of the gods’ and to the healer, ‘the demon killer and the plague dispeller’. Medicines from India were known all around the world, even as far back as the first millennium.

I think it probably has a great deal to do with tropical biodiversity and the inherent nature of knowledge development in the Indian subcontinent. These plants may have had particularly powerful small molecules due to environmental conditions unique to the tropics, to protect themselves. It is interesting to note that fifty of the most commonly used single-molecule drugs, beginning with aspirin, were originally derived from tropical plants, and there are many more waiting to be discovered.

Bengaluru leads Indian EdTech funding amid dip in 2023

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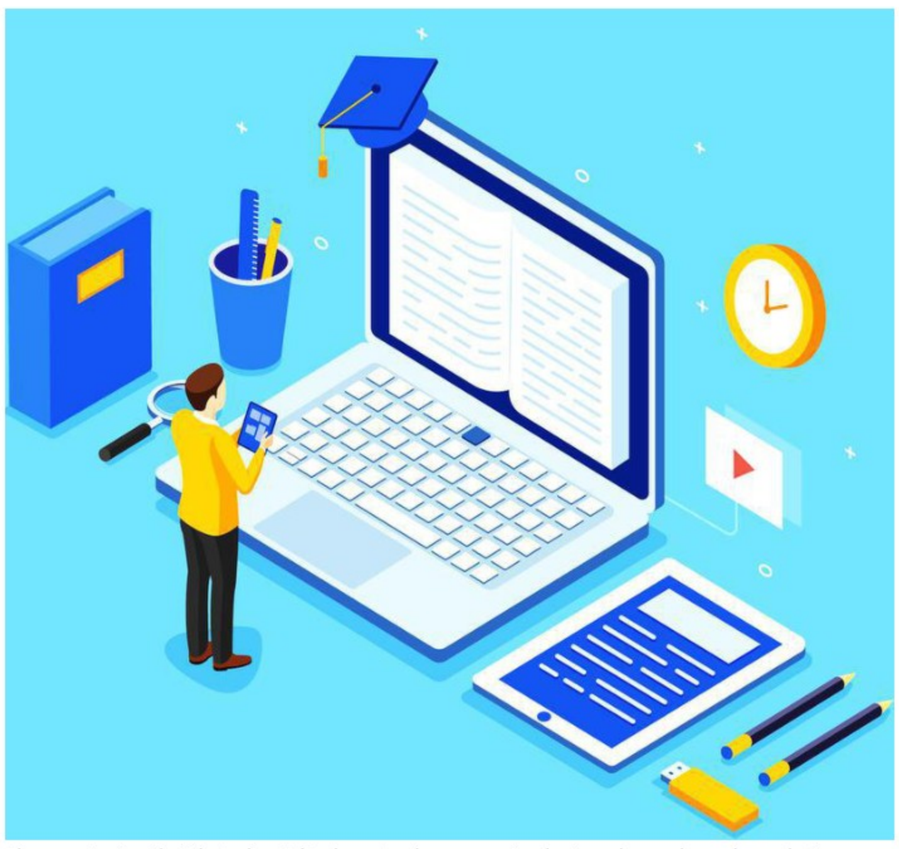
The report notes that the Indian EdTech sector shows promise due to a demand-supply gap between teachers and course availability in offline education.

The Indian EdTech space saw a 48 percent dip in funding from 1 January to 7 August 2023 compared to the corresponding period in the previous year.

Bengaluru, however, took the lead in terms of total funds raised in the sector to date.

The details were released in a report by market intelligence platform Tracxn.

The *EdTech India - Feed Geo Report* noted that EdTech start-ups in Bengaluru raised a total of over $8 billion as of August 7, 2023, followed by Mumbai ($2.5 billion) and Gurgaon ($497 million).

Total funding dips

The total funding this year for the period stood at $971 million as against $1.87 billion for the period last year as per the report. The number of funding rounds also experienced a drop of 77 percent and 82 percent compared to the same period in 2022 and 2021 respectively.

The Indian start-up ecosystem is one of the top three funded geographies in the 2023 Year Date (YTD) in the EdTech space, next to the U.S. Despite this, this space has experienced a declining trend in funding, similar to its global counterparts.

The global EdTech market has been facing challenges attributed to decreasing demand for online education, ongoing funding constraints, rising interest rates aimed at controlling inflation, and economic uncertainties.

Nevertheless, the report notes that Indian EdTech sector shows promise due to a demand-supply gap between teachers and course availability in offline education, which might fuel the sector’s growth in the coming years.

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Most of the funding into Indian EdTech start-ups in 2023 so far was secured in the second quarter. The space observed funding worth $713 million in Q2 2023, accounting for 73.43 percent of the total funding raised this year. This is also an increase of 37 per cent compared with the corresponding quarter last year.

Boost in the second quarter

K-12 EdTech, Test Preparation Tech, and Higher Education Tech were the top-performing segments in the EdTech sector based on funding so far. K-12 EdTech start-ups have raised a total of $711 million in 2023 YTD, a fall of 45 percent and 56 percent compared with the same period in 2022 and 2021 respectively.

No new Unicorns have so far emerged in this sector this year, as against two new Unicorns in the same period last year. 2023 YTD witnessed seven acquisitions, a 70 per cent decline compared with 23 acquisitions in the same period in 2022 and 19 acquisitions in the same period in 2021.

Tope investors

We Founder Circle, Peak XV Partners and MMPL Trust, were the most active investors in the EdTech space in the last two years.

We Founder Circle, IPV, and LetsVenture were the top seed investors, while Peak XV Partners, Better Capital, and AngelList were the top early-stage investors. The top late-stage investors included MMPL Trust, WestBridge Capital, and The Chan Zuckerberg Initiative. The Indian EdTech sector emerged strong during the pandemic riding the online education wave following the school closures during the period.

It leveraged rising internet and mobile device penetration in rural areas.

The report notes that despite the current challenges, there are reasons to remain optimistic about the EdTech sector’s role in transforming education in the country.

FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 6, 1973

Urs Wants Probe into Flare-up at PCC Meeting

New Delhi, Sept. 5: The Congress High Command is likely to send an observer to Mysore to report on the Mysore Congress affairs and in particular the incidents at the PCC meeting last month to fix the “responsibility”.

The Chief Minister, Mr. Devaraj Urs had a meeting with the Home Minister Mr. Uma Shankar Dikshit this afternoon and is reported to have told him that the incidents were just not the acts of some misguided elements and that the High Command should take note of the personalities behind them.

Mr. Urs is due to meet Congress President Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma and other leaders in this regard. The MPCC President, Mr. K.H. Ranganath met the General Secretaries of the AICC to give his side of the picture. It has been alleged by Mr. Ranganath’s supporters that the flare-up in the PCC meeting was caused by the supporters of the ministerialists.

Veerendra Patil on Merger of Congress parties

Madras, Sept. 5: The Mysore Pradesh Congress (O) President, Mr. Veerendra Patil, to-day expressed the view that a merger of the two Congress parties was “difficult and a complicated one” under the prevailing conditions in the country. Mr. Patil, who came here on a day’s private visit, met Mr. Kamaraj, at the latter’s residence, was with him for over 15 minutes.

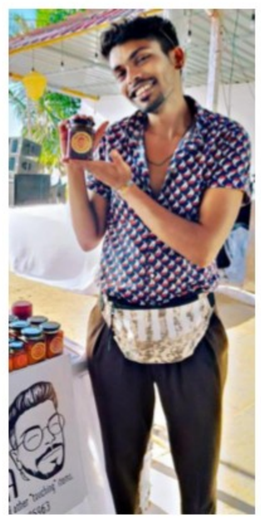
Later, Mr. Patil told reporters that his meeting with Mr. Kamaraj was purely a courtesy call.

Pudi, spice and all things nice

From the *pudi idlis* of Bengaluru to the *uchelu* and *agase pudis* of North Karnataka, these *pudis* play a crucial role in local cuisine and stand as guardians of food security amid the changing climate scenario

Swathi Nair

That magic touch Alak Nanda, founder, PODI life (left), Abhiram Sridhar of Podi Nan Maga (below). SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT



"I'm concerned that *tatte idli* is slowly taking over normal idli," reads a post under the title 'breakfast scenes-changing' on r/bangalore's Reddit community. Another comment adds, "Those *idlis* are also buried in a kilo of *pudi/podi* and drowned in a litre of *ghee*."

While these concerns have their validity, the past couple of years have ushered in a delightful change for lovers of all things *pudi* (also referred to as *podi*) and *ghee*. Thanks to a burgeoning community of local food bloggers, your social media feeds now brim with slow-motion shots of *pudi* sprinkled over piping-hot *thatte idlis* and generously bathed in Nandini *ghee* straight from the packet.

Ajit Bhaskar who hosts *darshini* (QSR restaurants) food walks in the city, notes that this concept is not entirely new. Old eateries in Nagarathpete and other pete market areas in the city have been serving *ghee*-laden *idlis* for years, catering to labourers seeking energy-rich meals since the '60s.

"Narayan *dose* camp in Nagarathpete was the first one to have these ghee *pudi idlis* in the city. They even serve lemon rice tossed in *pudi*. This *pudi* culture was then taken to the urban city areas by IDC Kitchen and then later on adopted by other cafes," notes Kunal BS, a food blogger in the city.

The trend really caught on social media in 2021, with Rameshwaram Cafe opening its outlets in Bengaluru and inviting bloggers to capture their *pudi idli* makings. "You would see some 20 bloggers posting the same thing at the same time and that is when it all turned," says Kunal.

In places like Dose Manjana in Jayanagar, you will find variations like the Salem *idli*, a *pudi idli* fried in ghee with onion garnish. Lakshmi Natraj Refreshments in Nagarathpete too have been serving *pudi idlis* for for ages.

Beyond pudi idlis

The rise in *pudi* popularity has also prompted more people to incorporate them into their daily meals. As Abhiram Sridhar (called "Podi nan maga," on Insta), who sells *pudis* at vegan markets and events in the city, aptly puts it, "All you need is steaming hot rice, a dollop of ghee, and some *pudi* to make a meal."

While established condiment houses such as Vasavi Condiments and Subamma Stores in Basavanagudi continue to be popular sources for *pudis*, Abhiram represents a younger generation of *pudi* aficionados. "I run it from my own kitchen with my Preethi mixie grinder – a gift from my sister Shwetha," says Abhiram, who prefers selling his *pudis* face-to-face rather than using an e-commerce website to carry out his business.

At Bengaluru's Oota, a restaurant that brings the diverse sub-cuisines of Karnataka under one roof, *pudis* play an essential role in elevating the dining experience. According to chef Mandaar Sukhtankar, "It plays the role of a condiment in a Karnataka *thali*. It makes your food interesting because you get to mix different flavours. Like chilli garlic oil or soy sauce in a Chinese restaurant, it lifts and enhances your food."

In northern Karnataka regions, such as Dharwad-Hubballi and Bellary, one discovers a quintessential farmer's meal – *ragi or jolladu* (millet) *rottis* paired with *uchellu, shenga, or agase pudi*. This combination not only boasts a prolonged shelf life but also delivers a burst of regional flavours.

"Some of these *pudis* are unique to Karnataka; I have never seen a flax seed *pudi* anywhere else," notes Mandaar.

Alak Nanda, founder of PODI life, explains, "These *pudis* can even take on a sweet note when blended with locally harvested jaggery." Alak, in collaboration with her mother, offers a range of *pudis*, including crunchy peanut *pudi*, spicy coconut *pudi*, and more through PODI life.

While Karnataka's *pudis* are unique, they do share similarities with *pudis* from other South Indian regions. Alak emphasises, "An overarching thing to remember about *pudis* is that they are a beautiful reflection of what is grown in the area.

Their main purpose is to make ingredients long-lasting. They are a result of many centuries of indigenous ingenuity in putting ingredients to the best use to create long-lasting, flavourful, easy-to-use pantry staple condiments."

Amrutha Palla, a *pudi* aficionado, notes, "*Uchellu pudi* has a very strange texture, almost tastes like grass, to be honest, but it is very tasty. The seeds are actually used as cattle feed because they have high fibre and protein."

In southern Karnataka, spanning the Mangaluru belt, Udupi, Mysuru, and Bengaluru, garlic *pudi* (*belluli chutney pudi*) and *methkut/menthe kittu* (made from fenugreek seeds) are prominent. Alak further adds, "*Menthya/menthi hittu* is also used as a seasoning when making snacks; it just needs to be mixed with poha/flattened rice and some oil."

There is also *chutney pudi*, found across Karnataka, made from *chana*, *urad dals*, and spices. It pairs wonderfully with *idli, dosa*, and *akki rotti*. "This *pudi* is the closest to *paruppu podi* in Tamil Nadu and *pappula podi* in Telugu-speaking regions," notes Alak. Seasons also lend their influence to the consumption of *pudis*. "During monsoon, *pudis* are eaten with *congee*. There is also a jackfruit seed *pudi* that is made in Karnataka when these seeds are available," says Alak.

Exploring further, you will find niche *pudis* made from the skin of gourds, roasted bitter gourd, *amla* (gooseberries), sesame seeds, and pumpkin seeds, among others. These unique *pudis*, however, come with a shorter shelf life and are produced in small quantities seasonally, coinciding with the availability of their respective ingredients. Byadagi chillies, when accessible, contribute their distinctive flavour to these *pudis*.

Guardians of food security

Beyond their rich flavours, these *pudis* stand as a testament to the indigenous vegetation that thrives across Karnataka. They show the ingenious practices of local communities, who have devised methods to extend the shelf life of their food. Through roasting and powdering a variety of produce and infusing them with different flavours, these communities have developed a culinary tradition that doubles up as a survival strategy

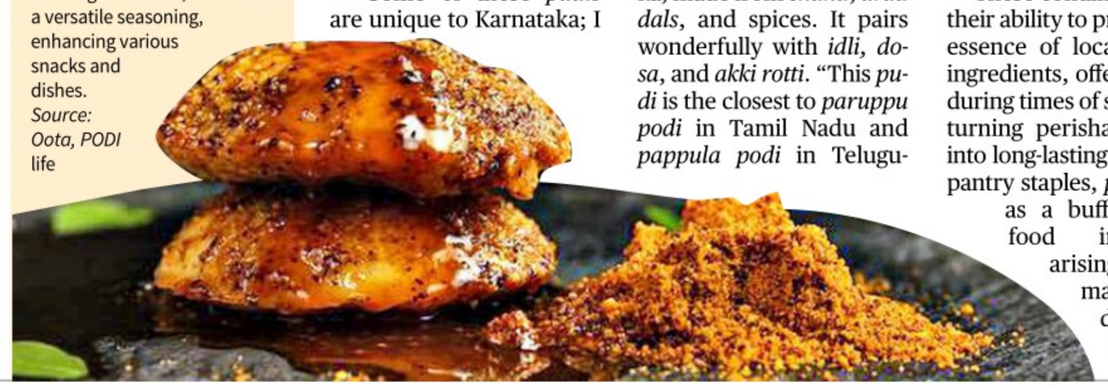
In an era characterised by the unpredictable impact of climate change, the importance of such practices cannot be overstated. Karnataka, like many regions worldwide, faces the challenges posed by shifting climate patterns, which can disrupt traditional agricultural cycles and compromise food security. In this context, the art of making these *pudis* takes on a newfound significance.

These condiments, with their ability to preserve the essence of locally grown ingredients, offer a lifeline during times of scarcity. By turning perishable goods into long-lasting, flavourful pantry staples, *pudis* serve as a buffer against food insecurities arising from climate-related disruptions.

Pudis of Karnataka

Northern Karnataka Pudis:
Uchellu pudi: Made from niger seeds, it has a mild pungency and pairs well with salads or as a condiment.
Shenga or kadlekai pudi: Comprising roasted peanuts, Kashmiri red chili, garlic, and tamarind, it offers a bright red colour and is typically served with jowar roti. Hand-ground peanuts add a unique clumpy texture.
Agasi beeja pudi: Crafted from flax seeds, Kashmiri chili powder, jaggery, shahi jeera, and garlic, it is had with curd.
Puttani pudi: Created using roasted chana dal, this pudi comes in variations with tamarind or dried red chili. Also known as *methkut* in Maharashtra, it often has a smoother texture.

Southern Karnataka Pudis:
Garlic pudi (belluli chutney pudi): Commonly found in the Mangaluru belt, Udupi, Mysuru, and Bengaluru, it adds a garlic-infused punch to dishes.
Methkut/Menthe Kittu: Made of fenugreek seeds, it serves as a versatile seasoning, enhancing various snacks and dishes.
Source: Oota, PODI life



INBRIEF

Going places

SEPTEMBER 9, 3PM
Atta Galatta's monthly book club, AG Book Club, will feature Rohini Malur this time around. The theme for this session centres around travel. Participants are welcome to take their books, stories, poems, plays, novels and memoirs about travel and exploration, and join in.
At Atta Galatta, Indiranagar. Call 9632510126 for details.

Musical interlude

SEPTEMBER 8 AND 9
Award-winning violinist Apoorva Krishna will be performing in Bengaluru this weekend. She will be accompanied by Aman Mahajan (piano), Dhani Muniz (bass), Sunaad Anoor (kanjira/percussion) and Jeoraj George (drums).
At Windmills, Whitefield, 9.30pm. Tickets on https://www.total-environment.com/music-and-events/intuition-live

Scrumptious start

MONDAY TO SUNDAY
This breakfast menu will be available everyday from 9am to 11.30am and comes with a complimentary set of four coffee tasters. There will be vegan, vegetarian and egg and bacon options available with vegan oat milk, sourdough pancakes and more.
At Maverick & Farmer, Koramangala.

Get set to laugh and think deeply

Bengaluru's Jagriti Theatre is gearing up for a special theatrical presentation as Urban Chaupaal, a dedicated theatre troupe, prepares to showcase *Charandas Chor*, a classic play written by the renowned Habib Tanvir. The play, set to grace the stage on September 9, promises a captivating exploration of societal contradictions in a light-hearted manner.

Charandas Chor revolves around the life of Charandas, a thief with an unexpected quirk - his unwavering commitment to honesty, sympathy and truthfulness. The narrative challenges conventional norms, urging the audience to contemplate whether Charandas is a hero or an anti-hero. To enhance the experience, the play features live music, including original compositions by the talented Urban Chaupaal team.

Charandas Chor was also adapted into a feature film in 1975 by the acclaimed filmmaker Shyam Benegal. It starred Smita Patil, Lalu Ram, Madanlal and Habib Tanvir.

This production, Urban Chaupaal says, seeks to celebrate the cultural significance of Indian theatre as an enduring and enriching art form.

Mark your calendars for September 9 with two showtimes at 3.30 pm and 7.30 pm to witness a thought-provoking and entertaining theatrical performance.

For more information about the play, visit jagritheatre.com. Tickets are available on bookmyshow.com

Around the world in 80 plates

Ruth Dhanaraj

To bring the 'world on a plate' may no longer be an unattainable quest or a fool's errand at least in Bengaluru. Pangeo, the newest pub on the block, certainly promises the world in its menu.

Brought to the city by the founders of Proust in Hyderabad and Ironhill in Bengaluru, Pangeo is named after Pangea, the supercontinent that existed aeons ago, and brings tastes and textures from around the world to your table.

Before we get to the food itself, a word about the space – its sprawling interiors, done up to resemble the planet at-the-dawn of time, can comfortably seat 450. Cosy little nooks and lush foliage within the expanse offer suitable screening from surrounding tables; at times it's hard to believe you're seated four floors up in a building and not in some private Eden.

The bar hugs an entire wall lit up and lined with lovely bottles in all colours and sizes. On a pleasant day, the retractable roof slides back and you get to bask in the evening breeze and natural light. To be able to kick back with a drink in your hand in the company of good friends and great food, completes the picture of an urban oasis.

In keeping with their 'worldly' theme, Pangeo serves everything from pastas and pizzas to dim sums, baos and sushi. Sitting somewhere in the middle of this spectrum is the *haleem* baklava. While it may sound like a culinary anomaly, this small plate offering is an example of Pangeo's fusion food. Hyderabadi-style mutton *haleem* served in light phyllo cups certainly make for a scrumptious mouthful!

Or the cream cheese dumpling served with roasted chilli oil brings together the bland and fiery in a surprising morsel, much like the Wasabi *malai* broccolli. Children and perhaps grown-ups too, will have fun with the cajun chicken cone – minced chicken served in a cone, oozing with cajun spices and cream sauce.

With the range of starters, it is easy to pass the large plates, despite the temptation offered by a porcini ravioli or crab meat bowl.

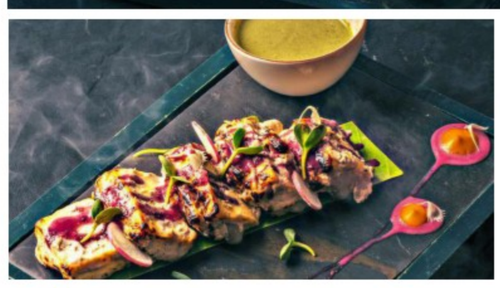
For those who enjoy experimenting with their drinks, the high on ragi could be right up your alley. Made from in-house ragi malt, whiskey and coffee liqueur, it is one of Pangeo's signature cocktails. As is the kon-ni-chi-va, which as its name suggests, is a touch of Japan with vodka, wasabi and basil served with sashimi to pair it off.

Beer lovers rejoice! Pangeo has a designated lounge with a selection of brews from United Breweries. And if that does not impress you, there is a separate alcove for those with a penchant for whiskey and cigars, a little away from the madding crowd. Called the Chivas XV Lounge, this intimate space can seat 25, with cigars on display available, for the more sophisticated palate.

All the spaces share the same menu which could be a challenge to navigate simply because it is so vast. If only there was a globe to spin, put your finger on and order from that country – but then what would be the fun in that?

Despite dessert options, one could also try the range of specially curated inhouse sodas which come in delightful flavours – coffee, kaffir lime, strawberry and Indian spice. Not only do they pair well with your drinks, they could also be a bubbly end to a heavy, around-the-world meal.

Pangeo is at Forum Rex Mall, Brigade Road



Pangeo
Hits: Haleem Baklava, Cream Cheese Dumpling
Misses: High on Ragi
Wallet factor: A meal for two without alcohol: ₹2000+ / with alcohol ₹3500+

Kerala HC seeks to explore carrying capacity of hill stations

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

The Kerala High Court on Tuesday sought the views of the Union government in utilising the services of the expert teams that assessed the carrying capacity of Himalayan States for a similar exercise in the hill stations of Kerala when Idukki District Collector Sheeba George informed the court that as many as 326 land encroachments had been identified in Munnar.

The Collector gave a picture of the encroachments in the hill station before a Division Bench on a petition filed by One Earth One Life, a non-governmental organisation.

The court also sought the views of the State government on a request of the petitioner to appoint a special officer to act against the encroachments. It also sought the option of appointing a task force to evict the encroachers. However, the petitioner pointed out that a task force of the Revenue Department was functioning to handle such cases.

A file photo of Munnar. The Kerala High Court has sought the possibility of assessing carrying capacity of regions like Munnar.

The Collector informed the court that surveys had to be carried out in some cases to initiate action. In other cases where surveys were not required, decision would be taken in two months after providing an opportunity for the parties concerned to be heard.

The court asked the official whether there were cases of construction activities progressing ignoring the stop memo issued by the authorities. A report on such cases shall be filed within a fortnight, the Bench instructed the official.

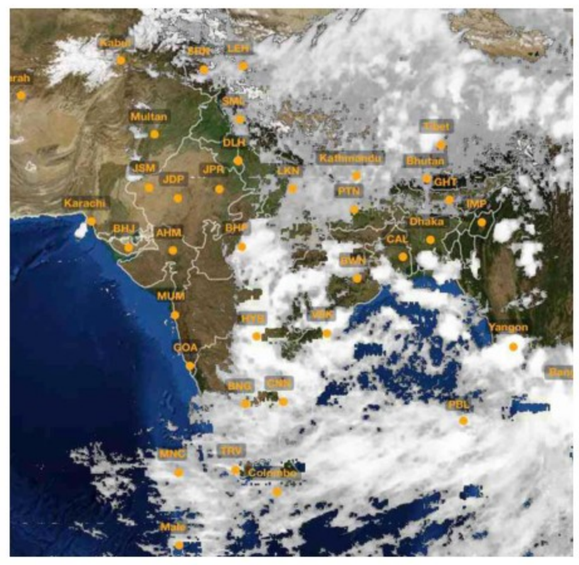
The Collector informed the Division Bench, consisting of Justices A. Muhamed Mustaque and Shoba Annama Eapen, that village officers had been instructed to strictly enforce the stop memos.

The support of the District Police Chief was sought for enforcing the stop memo.

The Bench expressed its displeasure at the statements of some Communist Party of India (Marxist) leaders against the District Collector and the *amicus curie* in the case.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Wednesday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Uttar Pradesh, Gangetic West Bengal, Odisha, Telangana, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam, central Maharashtra, north interior Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala, Mahe and Andaman & Nicobar Islands

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	3.7	37.0	27.0	Kozhikode	9	30.5	24.9
Ahmedabad	—	36.4	26.0	Kurnool	8	25.0	22.5
Aizawl	—	35.7	22.9	Lucknow	—	34.1	27.3
Allahabad	—	34.0	28.2	Madurai	—	32.2	26.4
Bengaluru	—	27.4	20.6	Mangaluru	0.7	28.0	23.9
Bhopal	—	33.0	24.3	Mumbai	—	32.0	24.6
Bhubaneswar	19.6	31.2	25.1	Mysuru	—	31.7	23.4
Chandigarh	—	36.2	25.7	New Delhi	—	38.6	28.4
Chennai	0.3	30.9	26.8	Patna	0.6	33.1	26.4
Coimbatore	—	31.8	24.8	Port Blair	48	29.0	23.6
Dehradun	0.1	35.3	21.6	Puducherry	0.8	31.0	26.4
Gangtok	6	25.0	18.5	Pune	—	30.4	24.9
Goa	—	31.5	25.0	Raipur	25	30.6	23.2
Guwahati	—	38.0	25.4	Ranchi	14	27.0	22.8
Hubballi	—	27.0	23.0	Shillong	—	28.6	17.9
Hyderabad	86	26.0	21.5	Shimla	3	26.5	16.0
Imphal	—	32.1	20.9	Srinagar	4	30.0	16.8
Jaipur	—	37.0	28.3	Thiruvananthapuram	0.2	31.4	25.1
Kochi	1	30.0	25.0	Tiruchi	—	33.3	26.0
Kohima	—	32.9	18.5	Vijayawada	1	31.4	26.4
Kolkata	38	32.4	25.1	Visakhapatnam	0.3	32.7	27.2

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.29	..—	142	60	78	.....
Bengaluru	...7	..11	.18	48	60	.....
Chennai	...5	..41	.68	33	75	.....
Delhi	...9	..37	.78	...115	...142	.....
Hyderabad	.13	..11	.65	45	71	.....
Kolkata	.16	..16	.28	28	32	.....
Lucknow	...7	..23	.22	37	...117	.....
Mumbai	...7	7	.63	...107	94	.....
Pune	..—	..31	.51	...180	...125	.....
Visakhapatnam	..—	..—	..—	.....—	.....—	.....

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Byrnihat, Assam recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 245 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Manguraha, Bihar recorded a healthy AQI score of 19

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Heavy rain floods Hyderabad, claims a life, chokes roads

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Stormwater rush following an early-morning downpour created havoc in Hyderabad city and surrounding areas causing a death, severe inundation and traffic chaos on Tuesday.

A four-year-old boy died after accidentally falling into a stormwater drain. His body was fished out from a lake.

As of 8.30 a.m. on Tuesday, Miyapur recorded the highest rainfall at 14.7 cm followed by HMT Nagar in Kukatpally at 14 cm, according to the automatic weather gauges of the Telangana State Development Planning Society. The India Meteorological Department has issued an 'orange' alert for the city.

Serilingampally (13.8 cm), Rajendranagar (13.8 cm), Quthbullapur (12.1 cm), Shaikpet (12 cm), Khairatabad, Malkajgiri (10.9 cm), Secunderabad (10.7 cm) were the other areas which recorded more than 10 cm rainfall within a span of a few hours. Rain continued later too, though with lesser intensity.

Several colonies were cut off by rainwater stagnation, and a number of stranded vehicles including an ambulance were pulled out by the Disaster Response Force (DRF) of the GHMC.

Stormwater drains breached, streets were inundated and water entered homes in several colonies of Gajularamaram, Manikonda, Quthbullahpur, Sanath Nagar, Balanagar and Kukatpally.

Puthuppally registers 72.91% voter turnout during bypoll

Though seven candidates were in the fray, UDF and LDF were locked in a high-stakes battle; the byelection was necessitated by the death of former Kerala Chief Minister Oommen Chandy

The Hindu Bureau
KOTTAYAM

The byelection in the Puthuppally Assembly constituency of Kerala, where the United Democratic Front (UDF) and the Left Democratic Front (LDF) are locked in a high-stakes battle, registered a rather moderate voter turnout on Tuesday.

As per the provisional estimates released by the district election authority, the segment recorded a polling percentage of 72.91.

Of the total 1,76,417 voters in the constituency, 1,28,624 voters exercised their voting rights, of which 64,084 were men and 64,538 were women.

Braving intermittent showers that lashed the region, voters queued up for hours to cast their votes in Puthuppally. VISHNU PRATHAP

The final polling figure, however, will be released only later.

In the 2021 election, the voter turnout was 74.9% while it was 77.4% in 2016.

The polling on the day began on a brisk note with the first three hours recording around 20% polling. Although it witnessed a lull around midday, the momentum picked up again in the afternoon as voters braved the intermittent showers to queue up in front of polling booths.

All voters who reached the polling station by 6 p.m. were allowed to exercise their franchise.

Among those who cast the vote in the first few hours include LDF candidate Jaick C. Thomas, UDF candidate Chandy Oommen and Cooperation Minister V.N. Vasavan.

A native of Kaduthuruthy, National Democratic Alliance candidate G. Lijin Lal did not have vote in Puthuppally.

Barring a minor altercation between UDF and LDF workers in front of a polling booth at Kooroppada, the byelection was by and large peaceful.

The byelection was necessitated due to the demise of former Chief Minister Oommen Chandy on July 18. A total of seven candidates were in the fray.

Karnataka govt. issues order transferring 35 IPS officers

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Mangaluru City Police Commissioner Kuldeep Kumar Jain is among the 35 police officers transferred by the State government on Tuesday. Mr. Jain has been replaced by Anupam Agarwal, who was awaiting posting. However, hours after the transfer orders, the DPAR issued a revised list changing the positions of some of the officials.

The other officials who have been transferred include S.D. Sharanappa, Joint Commissioner of Police, Crime, Bengaluru City, who has been posted as Deputy Inspector-General of Police and Director, Karnataka Police Academy, Mysuru. According to the revised list, D.R. Siri Gowri, DCP Administration, has been posted as Deputy Director, Fire and Emergency Services. Abdul Ahad, serving as SP Coastal Security Police in Udupi and was earlier transferred as DCP, Central Division, was posted as DCP Crime -1, while Shekhar H. Tekkannavar, who was earlier posted as DCP Crime-1, has been posted in the revised list to DCP Central Division.

Anitha Bhimappa Haddannavar, SP, Lokayukta has been posted as DCP traffic west, while Ashok K.V., Lokayukta SP, has been transferred as SP Tumakuru. Karthik Reddy, SP, Ramanagara, who has been transferred to DCP, Traffic South, in the earlier list has been cancelled in the revised list.

Sarah Fathima, SP, Criminal Investigation Department (CID), has been posted as DCP, Traffic East Division, Bengaluru City. Vartika Katiyar, Superintendent of Police (SP), State Crime Record Bureau, has been posted as SP, Internal

Hours later, the DPAR issued a revised list changing the positions of some of the officials

Security Division, Bengaluru.

Rahul Kumar Shahapurwad, SP, Tumakuru, is posted as DCP, South Division, Bengaluru City. D. Devaraja, waiting for posting, is posted as DCP, East Division, Bengaluru City. S. Girish, DCP, Whitefield is posted as DCP, West Division, Bengaluru. Sanjeev M. Patil, SP, Belagavi is posted as DCP, Whitefield Division, Bengaluru City.

Mohammad Sujeetha M S, DCP, Traffic South Division, Bengaluru City is posted as SP, Hassan. The present Hassan SP Hariram Shankar, has been posted as SP, Intelligence.

K. Santosh Babu, SP, Intelligence, has been posted as DCP, Administration, Bengaluru City. Yathish Chandra G.H., (DCP), Crime-1 has been as SP, Internal Security Division. R. Srinivas Gowda, DCP, Central Division, Bengaluru City has been posted as DCP, City Crime Branch-2, Bengaluru.

Bheemashankar S. Guled, DCP, East Division, Bengaluru City, has been posted as SP, Belagavi. Nikam Prakash Amrit, SP, Anti Naxal Force, Karkala, is posted as SP, Wireless.

K. Parashurama, waiting for posting, has been posted as SP, Intelligence. H.D. Ananda Kumar, SP, Vijayapura has been posted as SP, Directorate of Civil Rights and Enforcement.

Suman D. Pennekar, DCP, Traffic West Division, Bengaluru City, has been posted as Assistant Inspector-General of Police, Headquarters-1. Dekka Kishore Babu, SP, Intelligence has been posted as SP & Principal, Police Training Centre, Kalaburagi. Kona Vamsi Krishna Commandant,1st Battalion, Karnataka State Reserve Police(KSRP) has been posted as DCP, Command Centre, Bengaluru. Laxman Nimbargi, DCP, West Division, Bengaluru City has been posted as SP, State Crime Record Bureau. Arun K. is SP and Principal, Police Training Centre.

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Sonawane Rishikesh Bhagawan, SP, Intelligence has been posted as SP, Vijayapura. Lokesh Bharamappa Jagalasar, Director, Karnataka Police Academy, Mysuru, posted as SP and Deputy Director, Karnataka Police Academy, Mysuru.

P. Krishnakant, DCP, South Division, Bengaluru City, has been posted as Assistant Inspector General of Police (Administration).

Amarnath Reddy Y., SP, Intelligence, Kalaburagi has been posted as SP, Bagalkot. Adduru Srinivasulu, DCP, Law and Order, Kalaburagi, has been posted as SP, Kalaburagi.

Anshu Kumar, waiting for posting, has been posted as SP, Coastal Security Police, Udupi. Kanika Sikriwal, under the orders of transfer as SP, CID, is posted as DCP, Law and Order, Kalaburgi. Kushal Chouksey, under the orders of transfer as SP, under the orders of transfer as SP, Intelligence, is posted as Joint Director, Forensic Science Laboratory, Bengaluru. Ravindra Kashinath Gadadi, DCP, Command Centre, Bengaluru City is posted as SP, Intelligence.

TS to get investment of ₹915 crore from two firms

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Minister K.T. Rama Rao

Telangana continues to be an attractive investment destination for reputable firms. NAFFCO Group, a leading U.A.E.-based producer and supplier of top-tier firefighting equipment and fire protection systems, has expressed willingness to set up a firefighting equipment manufacturing facility in the State with an estimated ₹700 crore.

Similarly, DP World, a leader in global supply chain solutions specialising in cargo logistics, port terminal operations and maritime services, announced its intentions to invest ₹215 crore – ₹165 crore for setting up an inland container depot and another ₹50 crore for a cold storage warehouse. Representatives of the two companies communicated their willingness to Minister for IT and Industries K.T. Rama Rao during his visit to Dubai. A delegation led by NAFFCO CEO Khalid Al Khatib interacted with Mr. Rao and conveyed its intentions of setting up the firefighting equipment factory in TS.

The decision was in view of the rapid strides being made by Telangana in fields that entailed significant use of firefighting equipment.

'Udhayanidhi's remarks aimed at diverting attention'

The Hindu Bureau
COIMBATORE/CHENNAI

Sports Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin's recent remarks on *Sanatana Dharma* are aimed at diverting the attention of the people from the failures of the DMK, AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K. Palaniswami said on Tuesday.

Addressing the media at the Coimbatore airport, he alleged that law and order had deteriorated in Tamil Nadu, with the State having witnessed nine murders on Monday.

Referring to the murder of four members of a family in Tiruppur district by intoxicated men, he claimed that narcotic substances were freely available to the youth. Price rise and hike in property tax and power tariff were affecting people. So, Mr. Udhayanidhi started a debate on the eradication of *Sanatana Dharma*, he said.

He questioned the DMK's moral standing to speak about eradicating *Sanatana Dharma*, recalling that it had voted against presidential nominees Ram Nath Kovind and Droupadi Murmu, who belonged to the SC and ST communities, respectively.

He said former Assembly Speaker P. Dhanapal, who belonged to a SC community, was humiliated on the floor of the Assembly when the Governor asked Mr. Palaniswami to prove his majority in 2017.

Kerala youth hacks woman, ends life

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

A 21-year-old native of Iringol in Kerala reportedly ended his life after hacking a 19-year-old woman at her house at Rayamangalam on Tuesday.

A nursing student, Alka Anna Binu, sustained serious injuries on her neck and head, and was admitted to a hospital. Her condition remains critical, according to the hospital authorities.

The accused, Basil, reportedly attacked Binu for allegedly ending her relationship with him.

(To overcome suicidal thoughts, dial 104).

'Fear of losing elections spurred move for simultaneous polls'

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Tuesday lent his voice to the growing chorus of protests against the Central government's 'one nation, one election' move.

Mr. Vijayan said on the X social media platform: "The moves for imposing one nation, one election reflect the Sangh Parivar's hideous agenda of sabotaging our Constitutional values and democratic traditions to consolidate power. We must unite to oppose this vicious scheme and safeguard our republic's foundational principles."

Pinarayi Vijayan

Mr. Vijayan said that by aligning the Lok Sabha and Assembly elections, the Sangh Parivar also sought to sabotage the political, regional and linguistic diversity of the Rajya Sabha, the Council of States. The Sangh Parivar feared that it would lose dismally in the looming Assembly elections in five States. Hence, it sought to transform the country's multi-tiered electoral system into a centralised process to stack the decks in favour of the current disposition at the Centre, he said.

Earlier, an amalgam of national and regional parties opposed to the BJP had slammed the move as a furtherance of the Sangh Parivar's majoritarian agenda, which, they claimed, abhorred secularism and the ethnic, linguistic, regional and religious diversity and the spirit of democratic federalism that lay at the core of the country's parliamentary electoral system.

Undeclared power cuts in force across A.P.: State BJP chief

The Hindu Bureau
VIJAYAWADA

Andhra Pradesh BJP president Daggubati Purandeswari said the power distribution companies (DISCOMs) had just a few days ago announced 'power cuts' but later denied that the supply was being curtailed.

Addressing mediapersons here on Tuesday, she alleged that undeclared power cuts were in force across the State, especially in rural areas. However, the government was pretending that the situation was under control, to avoid public wrath. In reality, there had been prolonged power outages and the DISCOMs were forced to impose restrictions on industries. Farmers dependent on borewells for irrigation bore the brunt of such disruptions.

Thermal plants were facing coal shortage, she said .She alleged that the government was not tapping solar and wind energy on one pretext or the other. The power crisis showed no signs of easing, she said and demanded that the government release a White Paper on the power supply position.

Time to decide

Infrastructure development in the hills cannot be the same as in the plains

The destruction wreaked by the floods in north India in August has evoked concern at the highest levels. Last month, a Bench headed by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud had suggested that an expert committee conduct a "complete and comprehensive" study on the carrying capacity of the Himalayan region. Following this, the Centre has proposed setting up a 13-member technical committee. "Carrying capacity" is a concept derived from population-biology and generally refers to the quantity of a species that can thrive sustainably in a defined ecosystem. Generally, population exceeding capacity will lead to a natural decline in numbers, as witnessed when grasslands or overgrazed or invasive species throttle existing biome. Applying these ideas in the context of hill-stations and Himalayan States – the challenge is between balancing rising population, infrastructural needs and the precarious geography – is bound to be a challenging enterprise. Going by recent history, it is unlikely that a disinterested scientific opinion will be palatable to every stakeholder in the Himalayan States. Following the devastating floods in Uttarakhand in 2013, the Supreme Court had appointed a committee of experts to evaluate the role of hydropower projects in the State. While the committee's reports did influence a reduction in the proposed hydro projects, they failed to restrict road-widening projects and the carving up of mountainsides in ways that were deemed unsuitable for the topography.

The latest proposal by the Centre is not new; as far back as 2020, it had circulated, among the 13 Himalayan States, guidelines to assess the carrying capacity of their hill stations, cities and eco-sensitive zones. The Environment Ministry had in May reminded all the States to undertake such a study and submit them "as early as possible". The crisis of land subsidence experienced in Joshimath, Uttarakhand, in January had also sparked a debate on the conflict between infrastructural development and ecology, but in a matter of months, Himachal Pradesh saw an unexpected deluge washing away roads and highways built on denuding mountains. More committees and reports will not change the reality that infrastructure development in the hills cannot be executed as in the plains. Either States must bear the higher cost that comes from building more sustainably and minimising the risk to denizens, or designate regions as no-go zones. The latter has for decades provided fertile ground for political opportunism. As unequivocal scientific evidence concludes, the option to kick the proverbial can down the road no longer exists.

Coup in Gabon

African nations are facing pressure from risk-taking generals

In July, when the pro-western regime of President Mohamed Bazoum was toppled in Niger in a military coup, regional powers and the West took a tough position against the putschists – an ultimatum to restore democracy in the West African country. Several countries in Africa, including Sudan, Mali, Burkina Faso and Guinea, have witnessed coups in recent months and the ease with which the generals have seized power in all these countries has set a dangerous trend across the continent. But the new rulers of Niger dismissed the western ultimatum. Within a month, another regime in Africa was toppled – this time, resource-rich Gabon. In the case of Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger, all affected by Islamist militancy, the military promised better security and economic opportunities and managed to consolidate power rather quickly. In Gabon, the Republican Guard, a unit of the armed forces whose job was to protect the President, moved to seize power after the incumbent, Ali Bongo, was declared the winner of a disputed election. Mr. Bongo, who came to power in 2009, was a close French ally like his father Omar Bongo, who ruled the country for nearly 42 years. Ali Bongo's attempts to preserve the oil-rich country's reserve forests, which cover 90% of Gabon, earned him international applause, but at home, he never managed to fill his father's shoes.

Gabon, an OPEC member, is one of the richest countries of Africa in terms of per-capita income. Yet, over a third of its 2.4 million people live in poverty, and 40% of those between 15 and 24 years are unemployed, according to the World Bank. When Omar Bongo was in power, the regime got French protection in return for business favours. But Ali Bongo's regime came under systemic pressure, with the Opposition demanding free and fair elections and economic equity. The military, probably emboldened by the successful coups elsewhere in the continent, seized on public resentment. Following the coup announcement, thousands were in the streets of Libreville celebrating. Whether the putschists had public support or not, these coups speak of two major trends in Africa. First, traditional regimes are coming under increased pressure from within and a generation of risk-taking generals are making swift moves to grab power. This could turn out to be a transborder threat to elections, regime stability and order. Second, the coups also reflect the continent's changing geopolitical dynamics. All these countries were former French colonies. In Mali and Burkina Faso, the Russians have expanded their reach after the coup. Gabon has already replaced France with China as its most important trading partner. And the western calls upon the putschists to go back to the barracks have predictably fallen on deaf ears.

The case for elections in Jammu and Kashmir

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The Narendra Modi administration's recent announcement of a committee to look into simultaneous State and Union elections indicates that Jammu and Kashmir is unlikely to go to the polls anytime soon, despite assurances that the administration is ready whenever the Election Commission of India (ECI) decides. Meanwhile, the ECI remains bafflingly silent though Jammu and Kashmir's Chief Electoral Officer has stated that panchayat, municipal and Lok Sabha elections will all be held this 'financial year'. If those elections can be held, why not Assembly elections? The reason cannot be security: panchayat elections have to be conducted on a much larger scale as they involve over 30,000 posts.

In March 2023, a delegation of 13 political parties, led by Farooq Abdullah of the National Conference, met ECI officials to urge that Assembly election dates be fixed. Any further delay, their memorandum said, 'would amount to denial of fundamental and democratic rights of the people of Jammu and Kashmir and a breach of constitutional obligations'. The delegation was assured that its request would be considered, but no action has been taken to date.

Distortions in representation

Jammu and Kashmir has not held legislative elections for the past nine years. The last Assembly election was in 2014, and the last elected administration fell in June 2018. After almost a year of President's Rule, the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019 divided the State into two Union Territories. Like the National Capital Territory of Delhi, Jammu and Kashmir is entitled to an elected Assembly with curtailed powers (for example, law and order remained with the Union Home Ministry and security with the Lieutenant-Governor); Ladakh is not.

The ostensible reason for the election delay was the reorganisation Act's requirement of a fresh delimitation of constituencies following their expansion to 114 from 107. Jammu and Kashmir's delimitation had earlier been frozen till 2026, in tandem with other Indian States. In 2019, it was added to four other States to be delimited; the process was later postponed for the four other States, leaving only Jammu and Kashmir. The Delimitation Commission submitted its final report in May 2022. Its recommendations raised two concerns: it gave six of seven new seats to Jammu and only one to the Valley, derogating from the democratic principle of equal representation. With 56.15% of the erstwhile State's population, the Valley was allocated 47 seats as compared to Jammu's 43 with 43.85% of the population. Former State Finance Minister Haseeb Drabu likened the award to weighting Kashmir's voter at 0.8 to Jammu's 1.

Holding an Assembly election soon can build confidence, as prior experience shows; it can also stem the alienation that has spread across the former State

The commission's rearrangement of political constituencies concentrated minority voters in fewer districts or spread them across multiple districts, vitiating their vote share. In Jammu division, for example, Hindu-majority Padder with a population of just over 50,000 was allotted an Assembly seat, while thrice as numerous Muslim-majority Surankote was not. Former Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti called it a 'tactical process of rigging before the elections'.

Changes in residency rules further skewed constituency balance. Prior to 2019, non-permanent residents were not eligible to vote in Assembly elections. After the reading down of Article 370 and withdrawal of Article 35A, any person 'ordinarily resident' in the former State became eligible to vote, including any person resident for more than 15 years; any person who had studied there for more than seven years, and any person registered as a migrant by the Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner (Migrants). As a result, a staggering 7.7 lakh new voters (net figures, after accounting for deletion of four lakh voters) were added to the existing voter pool of 78.4 lakh.

Pitting one against the other

Proposed fresh reservations will further narrow the number of seats available in the general category and/or expand competition within reserved categories. Of four new Bills proposed by the Union Law Ministry, the first, the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill, 2023, reserves two seats for 'Kashmiri migrants' (one woman), and one for people displaced from Pakistani-held territories of Jammu and Kashmir. All three seats are to be filled by nominees of the Lieutenant-Governor.

The second Bill, the Constitution (Jammu and Kashmir) Scheduled Tribes Order (Amendment) Bill, 2023, includes the Pahari community and a handful of small tribes in Jammu and Kashmir's list of Scheduled Tribes. Paharis will now be able to contest reserved seats which were previously dominated by Gujjars and Bakerwals. The most affected area will be the Pir Panchal range along the Line of Control with Pakistan, which includes Rajouri and Poonch, where Paharis are in a majority in seven out of eight Assembly segments. It has four seats reserved for Scheduled Tribes.

The third Bill, the Constitution (Jammu and Kashmir) Scheduled Castes Order (Amendment) Bill, 2023, includes the Valmiki community, earlier considered non-permanent residents, in Jammu and Kashmir's list of Scheduled Castes.

The fourth, the Jammu and Kashmir Reservation (Amendment) Bill, 2023, adds 15 more 'other backward classes' (OBCs), including West Pakistan refugees and Gorkhas. The electoral impact of these two Bills will also be mostly in Jammu, which has the largest number of Scheduled Castes and OBCs.

At face value, there can be little objection to these provisions. Effectively, it is another matter. Pandit migrants have been elected without reservation for decades, even during the insurgency and after their exodus. They do not need reserved seats, they need security when elected. Gujjars accept Pahari reservation if it does not cut into their quota but have received no assurance of that. Long-term residents such as refugees, Gurkhas and Valmikis should be entitled to vote, but does the former require a reserved seat? Given these gaps, the Bills risk entrenching caste- and community-based voter polarisation in a region of many castes and communities.

Division versus confidence-building

Successive reports from the ground suggest that alienation has spread across the former State. In Muslim-majority areas, people note that the number of their representatives will shrink. In Jammu, they suspect that fresh reservations are directed towards creating new support for the Bharatiya Janata Party where the party is fading. In Kashmir, Home Minister Amit Shah's repeated attacks on political leaders and repeated assertions that 'future legislators' will emerge from panchayats, signal that the Union administration seeks supplicant legislators.

Despite their fears, most people now desire a speedy Assembly election. The unilateralism, nepotism and inaccessibility of Jammu and Kashmir's centrally-directed administration has led to higher than ever unemployment and loss of land and resource rights, leading even supporters of the August 2019 actions to believe they will do better with elected representatives, especially since Statehood will only he restored after elections, according to Mr. Shah.

Meanwhile a welter of discontent is brewing in Ladakh, where the powers of the elected Hill Councils have been whittled to puny by the Lieutenant-Governor's office. Here too, the demand for Statehood is gaining ground.

Holding an Assembly election before the year-end can build confidence, as prior experience shows. The Atal Bihari Vajpayee administration held elections in 2002, at a time when insurgency had taken a heavy toll. But that election ushered in 12 years of peace-building, with two free and fair elections. By contrast, the attempt to rig the 1987 election led to over a decade of armed conflict. The lesson is plain to see for all but the intentionally blind.

The implications of the expansion of BRICS

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On August 24, the 15th BRICS summit in Johannesburg announced that the five-member grouping (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) had invited six new members – Iran, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) from West Asia; Egypt and Ethiopia from Africa, and Argentina from Latin America. It was reported that 40 countries have shown interest in BRICS' membership, with 22 having submitted formal applications. From 2009, BRICS has met annually at summit level, and is backed by several ministerial and expert conclaves. It has spawned two major institutions - the New Development Bank (NBD) to provide development assistance and the Contingent Reserve Arrangement that supports countries facing short-term balance-of-payments pressures. The NBD has already financed 96 projects valued at $33 billion.

BRICS members have been united in their dissatisfaction with the West-dominated international institutions that had emerged after the Second World War – the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the United Nations and its various bodies, particularly the Security Council, and more recently, the World Trade Organization. At Johannesburg, the UN Secretary General António Guterres described them as reflecting "yesterday's world". The United States has led the western alliance in both the political and economic areas.

BRICS challenges this West-led world order: it promotes intra-BRICS economic and political cooperation, builds institutions outside western control, and agitates robustly for wide-ranging reforms to accommodate the presence and interests of emerging economies. The Johannesburg Declaration categorically asserts that the members' "strategic partnership" will be directed at achieving "a more representative, fairer international order". The recent expansion of BRICS's membership has shaped a grouping that is aligned in terms of global perceptions and interests, and collectively provides considerable economic clout to the enlarged conclave. With the proposed expansion, BRICS will have 46% of world population, while its share of the global GDP will go from 31.5% in PPP terms to 37%, far ahead of the GDP of 30.7% of the G-7. The five core members account for 23% of global exports and 19% of global imports; with the new members, these figures will be boosted by 3.7% and 3%, respectively. The major impact will be on the energy sector: out of global oil production of about 90 million barrels per day (mbd) in 2022, the earlier five BRICS members had accounted for 20% of global output; this will go to 42%.

Apart from reflecting the global multipolar order, there is an alignment of global interests as well as considerable economic clout

An addition of geo-strategic value

The new BRICS members will bring considerable geo-strategic value to the grouping. Those from West Asia are already closely tied to BRICS members: 35% of Saudi oil production goes to China and India; Russia, already a major oil supplier to China and India, is now looking at Brazil as a market. Despite sanctions by the United States, Iran has increased oil production from a low of 400,000 barrels per day in the Trump period to 2.2 mbd in August this year, most of it going to China. Egypt and Ethiopia are an important presence in the strategically important Horn of Africa and the Red Sea, while Argentina is the second largest economy in Latin America.

Rather than look at the issues being raised at BRICS' summits and other meetings, western commentators have disparaged the grouping as having no shared vision and being a "talk-shop" with no worthwhile achievements. These criticisms have little substance. BRICS leaders have met over 15 years and every time have overcome their internal divisions and competitions to issue a consensual "Declaration". Over the years, the declarations have expanded in content, focused on specific deliverables and have steadily expanded their areas of interest.

In the Johannesburg Declaration, while several paragraphs call for wide-ranging reforms in international organisations, the bulk of the document focuses on intra-BRICS cooperation and outreach to other developing countries. Thus, members have agreed to "encouraging the use of local currencies in internal trade and financial transactions" between BRICS and other trading partners.

The Declaration also reflects the shared views of its members on several political issues – the centrality of the United Nations; the problems in West Asia, i.e., Syria, Yemen, Palestine, the Arab peace Initiative, and the Iran nuclear agreement; the war in Ukraine and global terror.

Outlook for regional and global affairs

The new BRICS members, particularly those from West Asia, naturally fit into this political and economic framework. From 2020, both Saudi Arabia and the UAE have shrugged off the U.S. yoke and shaped independent foreign policy paths for themselves. Saudi Arabia has pursued de-escalation and dialogue, ending the Qatar blockade in January 2021, engaging with Turkey, and opening interactions with Iran from April 2021. These regional engagements culminated in the China-brokered accord with Iran in March this year.

The UAE has also normalised ties with Iran and is focusing on expanding its maritime footprint across the Gulf, the Gulf of Aden, the Red Sea and the Horn of Africa. Iran's entry into BRICS is propitious in that, besides its role in the energy sector, it opens up opportunities for accelerated regional economic cooperation, besides the revival of the moribund north-south connectivity projects through the Chabahar port with which India is associated.

While western writers continue to harp on the emerging global binary divide and the "new cold war", India and other BRICS members reject this short-sighted view and insist on asserting their strategic autonomy in a multipolar world order, with member-nations demanding that their voices be heard and their interests respected. It is not surprising, then, that a recent media report described the Johannesburg summit as a "turning point in modern history".

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Court order, ASI survey

I write this letter as a senior advocate in the Supreme Court of India. The article, "Court's order and the ASI survey are flawed" (Editorial page, September 4), argues that the Supreme Court has gone against the "spirit" of its judgment in the Ram Janmabhumi case, particularly the observations rendered therein on the Places of Worship Act, 1991.

The fundamental premise of the article is that the Court gave a binding declaration of the law in the Ram Janmabhumi judgment with reference to the Places of Worship Act, 1991.

Another premise is that the Places of Worship Act, 1991 prohibits any inquiry to ascertain the religious character of any place of public worship as the same would amount to converting its religious character.

Both these premises are slippery. First, the Ram Janmabhumi place of worship was excluded from the applicability of the provisions of the Places of Worship Act, 1991 and, therefore, there was no occasion to go into this question. As the article misconstrues the Court judgment in Ram Janmabhumi, it is necessary to understand what the judgment actually held with respect to the nature of a Hindu religious structure. The judgment merits close consideration of the diverse issues relating to the law of religious and charitable endowments. However, from the article, it appears that select passages of the Ram Janmabhumi judgment are relied upon to demonstrate that permitting an ASI Survey would have the effect of converting the religious character of a place of public worship. The fear expressed that the course which the Court has adopted would endanger other places of worship is not warranted.

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Decoding the Nyaya Sanhita Bill

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The government, by introducing in the Lok Sabha three penal Bills which is says "aim to decolonise the Indian justice system," has rightly exercised its prerogative. Earlier governments dithered over this move for years. However, in matters of law-making and reform, mere initiative may not be sufficient.

In this case, we need to particularly focus on three points. The first is that penal law-making and reform are serious issues which require deep deliberation and empirical validation. Second, we must keep in mind the diversity of considerations of substantive and procedural laws, and engage with the two sets separately. Substantive laws govern how people behave; they define criminal offences and specify punishment, whereas procedural laws are aimed at enforcement agencies that are to provide safeguards and due process even to the "worst" offenders. Third, we need to realise that penal laws are an instrument for actualising and propagating a wide variety of interests as per the constitutional vision and the dominant ideology. Which interests need protection and priority is a matter of democratic process. In view of these issues, let us analyse the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita Bill.

Participation from the people

The colonial penal law had to be replaced not because it was inherently flawed, but because it lacked participation from the very people for whom it was meant. There is an imposition of foreign ideas and values. Therefore, a wide and diverse debate that includes the participation of the 'governed' should be integral to this exercise. Thomas Babington Macaulay had said in the House of Commons in 1833 that the basis of a uniform code of laws for India should be "uniformity when you can have it, diversity where you must have it, but in all cases certainty." The ensuing penal law should be aimed at achieving the target of equal and uniform application and should be structured in precise terms to impart maximum certainty.

The idea of according justice or nyaya may be the ultimate end, but every kind of criminalisation means encroachment on liberties and decimation of freedoms. This task requires empirically analysing the shifts in the perceptions of those types of behaviour that are considered undesirable or otherwise. We have recently witnessed such a shift in respect to attempted suicide, which, from an offence under Section 309 of the Indian Penal Code, is on the way to becoming a mental problem under Section 115(1) of the Mental Health Care Act, 2017. Likewise, in *Joseph Shine v. Union of India*, the Supreme Court struck down Section 497 (offence of adultery). Therefore, there is a need to conduct a wide-ranging social audit of what constitutes "undesirable" behaviour. Steven Box wrote in *Power, Crime and Mystification*, "For too long too many of us have been socialised to see crime and criminals through the eyes of the state." While not everyone will agree with this, it underscores the value of an independent and impartial body taking up the task of social audit of what is undesirable behaviour.

Though there is an attempt to impart brevity, the tendency of retaining and adding new offences tends to offset the advantages. After the Indian Penal Code, many special penal laws have been enacted to deal with new and emerging crimes, which could be kept out of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. Furthermore, serious crimes such as organised crime and terrorism could be located in existing special laws, or a new composite law, as suggested by the Malimath Committee, could handle them.

In matters of law-making and reform, mere initiative may not be sufficient

Women and children

It is in consonance with the constitutional vision enshrined in Article 15(3) (special provision for women and children) and Article 51A(e) (renounce practices derogatory to the dignity of women) that 'Offences Against Women and Children' has been accorded first place in the category of offences in Chapter V of the Bill. But we get a rude shock when we realise that in the proposed offence of rape under Clause 63, sexual intercourse between a man and his wife, if the wife is above 18, is not rape. India still seems to be guided by the colonial mindset that is reflected in Clause 359 of the Draft Penal Code, 1837, which reads: "Sexual intercourse by a man with his own wife is in no case rape." Likewise, retaining Clauses 20 and 21 in Chapter III (General Exceptions) that relate to criminal liability in a general penal law militates against the philosophy of special law for children that is explicitly laid down in Section 1(4) of the Juvenile Justice Act of 2015: "Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force, the provisions of this Act shall apply to all matters concerning children in need of care and protection and children in conflict with law."

The proposed penal law has certain decisive departures from the colonial chapter scheme that tried to arrange offences as per the priority of interests of the ruling class and pushed the interests of body and property below the offences against the state and other supportive institutions. But the Bill has accorded precedence to bodily interests by placing them in Chapter VI, just before offences against the state.

Is it possible to draw some inferences from such a shift? The acid test would lie in the responses to the following inquiries: First, will the reforms fulfil the constitutional vision enshrined in Article 13(2) (prohibition on laws against fundamental rights)? Second, will the law uphold the principles of autonomy and equality? Third, will it further the fraternity guaranteed by the Preamble?

An arrow finding its mark

Y.S. Sharmila's entry into the Congress could be a risk or an advantage

STATE OF PLAY

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In 2012, when her brother Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, who is now the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, was in prison on corruption charges, Y.S. Sharmila went on a *padayatra* in support of him. She said then in what became a popular slogan, "*Nenu Jagan vadilina baanam* (an arrow released by brother Jagan)." In 2021, when she launched the YSR Telangana Party, many borrowed this slogan and tweaked it to say, "*BJP vadilina baanam*" as they perceived the move to be as an attempt by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) to divide the Congress vote bank. However, after two years of leaving no significant imprint on Telangana politics, Ms. Sharmila seems to be heading towards a new destination, the Congress.

The speculation that Ms. Sharmila plans to merge the YSR Telangana Party with the Congress intensified when she met senior Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi recently in New Delhi.

Ms. Sharmila carries weight in Telangana as she is the daughter of former Chief Minister Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy, but she also comes with baggage. The baggage is what perturbs some leaders of the Telangana Congress who believe that her father was the party's biggest impediment to the formation of Telangana.

However, another section of the Congress does not hold this view. Rajasekhara Reddy had encouraged the formation of a Telangana group when he was chief of the Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) and leader of the Congress Legislature Party in combined Andhra Pradesh, to put pressure on the ruling Telugu Desam Party (TDP) in the Telangana region. Therefore, this section insists that Rajasekhara Reddy was among the first to acknowledge the sentiment for statehood.

Thus, there is both opposition and support for Ms. Sharmila's entry into the Telangana Congress. TPCC chief A. Revanth Reddy said he would welcome Ms. Sharmila "wholeheartedly as the daughter of YSR." But, he added, "for her to contest and campaign in Telangana is a political risk." Mr. Revanth Reddy explained that the people of Telangana were not ready to accept those with roots in Andhra as their leaders. His claim has some basis: BRS cadres staunchly opposed Ms. Sharmila's *padayatra* after the launch of her new party and clashed with her cadres in some constituencies too.

The fears of the Telangana Congress are not unsubstantiated. When the party joined hands with Mr. Naidu in 2018, Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao alleged that Mr. Naidu was using the "backdoor" to enter Telangana and asked whether the State needed leaders from Andhra. The Congress and the TDP lost the election badly.

However, much water has flowed since then and the regional sentiment is not as strong as it was a few years ago. Also, the concern that Mr. Rao could exploit the alliance once more may be unfounded since Mr. Rao is nurturing national ambitions and is not moored to Telangana as such. His party's name too does not have 'Telangana' in it any more.

Ms. Sharmila's supporters in the Congress believe that her entry could add some value to the party. They believe that she can attract the sections that moved away from the party earlier, such as the people of the Rayalaseema origin in Telangana and a large chunk of the Christian vote bank that had supported Rajasekhara Reddy in combined Andhra Pradesh.

They believe that her legacy could be of advantage. Many voters continue to admire Rajasekhara Reddy for the welfare schemes he launched, particularly free power to farmers, Aarogyasri (a scheme to ensure healthcare for all) and the fee reimbursement scheme. The huge population of the Rayalaseema region in and around Hyderabad too may be influenced by her.

In the 2014 and 2018 Assembly elections, the Congress shied away from acknowledging Rajasekhara Reddy's contributions fearing a backlash from the BRS (which was then called the Telangana Rashtra Samiti). But today, it is more aggressive under Mr. Revanth Reddy in attacking Mr. Rao. Only a mix of factors can bring dividends to the party and Ms. Sharmila could be one of them.

The Congress is aware that the Assembly elections will be a litmus test for it. Admitting Ms. Sharmila into the party could be a risk or it could be a big advantage.

Equally, this is a test for Ms. Sharmila, the daughter of Rajasekhara Reddy, whose political fortunes have not been bright so far.

This was no unexpected feat for India's 4X400 m relay team

The quartet that ran in Budapest has also been part of many record relay runs in the recent past

DATA POINT

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On August 26, four Indian men, running the 4X400 metres relay in the World Championships in Budapest, finished second in heat one (qualifying rounds) and got into the final round, turning the nation's attention towards them. In an event usually dominated by the U.S., Jamaica, and the U.K., and where Indians or even Asians have rarely made a mark, the relay deservedly became the talk of the town.

Though the four athletes did not go on to win medals in the final round, their run shattered many records. Data also shows that this was not an 'out of the blue' run, but a culmination of years of consistent work with members of this quartet setting and breaking multiple domestic records.

During heat one in Budapest, the team comprising Muhammed Anas Yahiya, Amoj Jacob, Muhammed Ajmal Variyathodi, and Rajesh Ramesh broke the Indian national record by completing the race in 2 minutes 59.05 seconds (179.05 seconds) and finishing second behind the U.S.

Chart 1 shows all the 4X400 metres relay runs by Indians completed below 3 minutes and 15 seconds, in recognised international and domestic competitions.

The 179.05 seconds run in heat one broke the previously held Indian national record of 180.25 seconds set by Muhammed Anas Yahiya, Amoj Jacob (part of the Budapest team), Noah Nirmal Tomm, and Arokia Rajiv in Tokyo on August 6, 2021.

In the Budapest final, the runners completed the race in 179.92 seconds, the second fastest for India now. Also, notably, the heat one race was the first time that Indians managed to finish the relay run in under three minutes.

Chart 2 shows all the 4x400 metres relay runs by Asians completed below the 3 minutes 2 seconds mark, in recognised competitions. Not only was the Budapest heat one run a national record, but it also broke the Asian record of 2 minutes 59.51 seconds (179.51 seconds) previously set by Japan on July 24, 2022.

In Asia, apart from Indians, the Japanese have always dominated relay runs. Before Budapest, Japan was the only Asian country to have completed the race in under three minutes. In the past, of the 25 instances in which Asian teams ran the 4X400 metres relay below the 3 minutes 2 second mark, 15 were by Japanese runners, while Indians managed it seven times. Runners from Sri Lanka and Qatar managed it just once each.

Chart 3 shows all the 4X400 metres relay runs by athletes from all countries completed below the 3 minutes 2 second mark. There have been 245 instances of teams managing to complete the race in under three minutes. The U.S. has done it 82 times (33%) followed by Jamaica (12%), and the U.K. (10.2%). After Budapest, India's share stands at 0.82%.

Of the 245 instances, 55 (22%) were from the 2020s and 79 (32%) were from the 2010s, pointing to an increasing number of times that teams are completing the race below three seconds in recent years. However, the world record of 174.29 seconds was set back in 1993 by the U.S. In fact, of the top 10 global runs, five were set before the 2000s.

Table 4 lists the 10 fastest 4x400 relay runs by Indian teams, excluding the two record-breaking races in Budapest. Muhammed Anas Yahiya was part of nine of those races and Amoj Jacob was part of seven. Muhammed Ajmal Variyathodi and Rajesh Ramesh were part of two races.

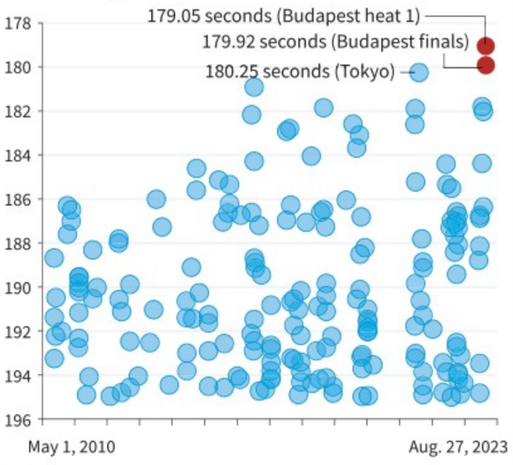
As previously mentioned, the achievements in Budapest were not an isolated success but rather a continuation of previous accomplishments.

The run of their lives

The data for the charts were sourced from the Stats zone of the World Athletics website.

Record run: Rajesh Ramesh, Muhammed Ajmal Variyathodi, Amoj Jacob and Muhammed Anas Yahiya after the heat one race

Chart 1: The chart shows all 4X400 metre relay runs by Indians completed below 3 minutes and 15 seconds



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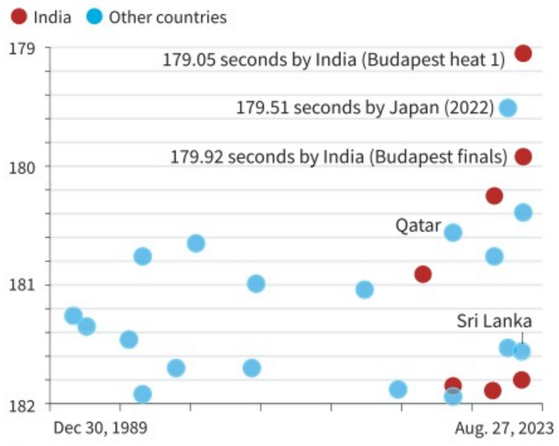

Chart 3: Country-wise 4X400 metre relay runs completed below the 3 minutes and 2 seconds mark

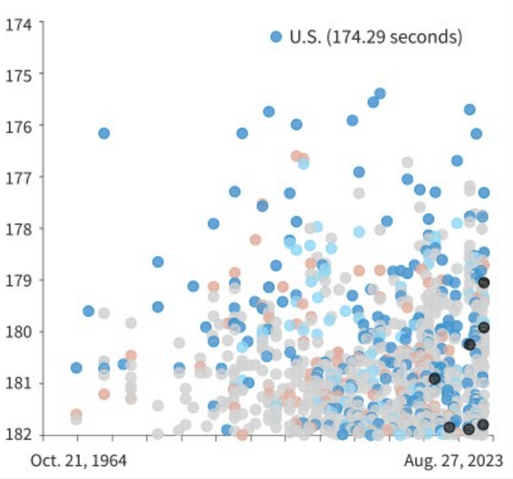

Table 4: The table lists the 10 fastest 4x400 relay runs by Indian teams, excluding the two record-breaking races in Budapest ● Was part of the team X Was **not** part of the team

Rank	Date	Place	Time (seconds)	Muhammed Anas Yahiya	Amoj Jacob	Muhammed Ajmal V.	Rajesh Ramesh
3	06 Aug 2021	Japan	180.25			X	X
4	10 Jul 2016	India	180.91		X	X	X
5	16 Jul 2023	Thailand	181.08	X			
6	30 Aug 2018	Indonesia	181.85		X	X	X
7	25 Jun 2021	India	181.89			X	X
8	30 Jul 2023	Sri Lanka	182.02				
9	12 Jun 2016	Turkey	182.17		X	X	X
10	25 Jul 2019	Turkey	182.59			X	X
11	21 Jun 2021	India	182.61			X	X
12	12 Aug 2017	U.K.	182.08			X	X

FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 6, 1973

Study trips: Indian embassy not told of curbs on Americans

Washington, Sept. 5: Though the U.S. Government officials here share the unhappiness expressed by Ambassador Moynihan over the restrictions reportedly placed by the Government of India on the entry of American scholars and students wishing to study in Indian institutions, they take the view that this is a matter purely between the Indian Government and members of the American academic community affected by the restrictions. They disagree with the thrust of of a recent *New York Times* report from Delhi which characterised it as a "slap" against the United States. "We do not see how we come into the picture," a U.S. official said. But U.S. officials do feel that if such restrictions are in vogue now, then they could have two side effects. It could alienate sections of the U.S. academic community which has been an important pro-Indian constituency in this country and it could lead to a loss of interest in India and Indian affairs. Enquiries here reveal that some of the students and scholars who have been affected by the Government of India's restrictions have been knocking on the doors of the Senators and Congressmen who have been always sympathetic to India and complaining to them about their being denied entry into India. Some of them, it appears, have also been asking the State Department to impose retaliatory restrictions on the Indian students who come here each year.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 6, 1923

Mysore floods distress

Mysore, Sept. 4: The information that is being received from the areas affected by the floods points out that the official report is not exhaustive. The position at the places mentioned below will show that the relief offered by the Government is quite inadequate and Government should lose no time in affording further relief, and also loans to ryots who have been deprived of everything. At Krishnapur in T. Narsipur Taluk 30 houses were completely, and 35 partially destroyed by the floods. A temple near that village of Srivenkata Ramanaswami was also washed away. The Tunga and Bhadra rivers took the largest toll washing away almost all the houses that stood on their banks.

From Page One

'Bharat' replaces 'India' in invite, sparks debate

Though taking a nuanced position that the names "India" and "Bharat" were both mentioned in the Constitution, the Congress accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of resorting to politics of "divide". "Mr. Modi can continue to distort history and divide India, that is Bharat, that is a Union of States. But we will not be deterred," Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said in a post on X.

BJP leaders hailed the change of name in official communication. Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma posted on X: "REPUBLIC OF BHARAT - happy and proud that our civilisation is marching ahead boldly towards AMRIT KAAL."

SC reserves verdict on petitions on Article 370

The petitioners, represented by a battery of senior lawyers including Kapil Sibal, Gopal Subramanium, Rajeev Dhavan, Dushyant Dave and Gopal Sankaranarayanan, said the Union used brute majority in Parliament and issued a series of executive orders through the President to divide a full-fledged State into the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh. They called it an attack on federalism and a fraud played on the Constitution.

The petitioners had argued that Article 370 had assumed a permanent character as soon as the J&K Constituent Assembly dissolved in 1957 after the framing of the State Constitution. Mr. Sibal said Article 368 (Parliament's power to amend the Constitution) did not apply to Article 370.

The Constitution Bench, also comprising Justices S.K. Kaul, Sanjiv Khanna, B.R. Gavai and Surya Kant, said its focus would be on the series of machinations that led to the dissolution of Article 370. The series of events which the Bench would look into would start with the dissolution of the Jammu and Kashmir State Legislative Assembly by the Governor under Section 53(2) of the J&K Constitution on November 21, 2018.

J&K MP Lone affirms he is a dutiful citizen

A Constitution Bench led by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud had asked him to file an affidavit after the government and others accused him of raising anti-national slogans in support of secessionist forces, especially once in 2018 on the floor of the J&K Assembly in 2018.

On Monday, the court asked him to "unconditionally accept" in an affidavit that Jammu and Kashmir was an integral part of India and he owed allegiance to the Constitution. Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, for Mr. Lone, had responded that his client had already sworn his oath and allegiance to the Constitution as an MP.

Mr. Mehta said there was not a word in the affidavit from Mr. Lone swearing against terrorism or separatism.

The Chief Justice said the court would analyse the affidavit and address the issue in its judgment.

Byelections in seven Assembly seats peaceful

At 5 p.m., the Election Commission recorded more than 49% polling. The high-stakes bypoll is the first electoral contest in U.P. after the formation of the Opposition Indian National Developmental, Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) bloc. The BJP refuted the charges of the SP, adding the Opposition had already accepted defeat.

The bypoll was necessitated following the resignation of Dara Singh Chauhan, who had won the seat in the 2022 polls, from the Samajwadi Party (SP) to join the BJP recently.

The byelection to Dumri Assembly seat in Jharkhand was conducted peacefully, according to Chief Electoral Officer K. Ravi Kumar. He said till 5 p.m., 63.75% of 2.28 lakh voters exercised their franchise.

The poll was necessitated after the death of Jharkhand Mukti Morcha MLA and former Education Minister Jagarnath Mahto.

The byelection in the Puthuppally Assembly constituency in Kerala, where the United Democratic Front (UDF) and the Left Democratic Front (LDF) are locked in a high-stakes battle, registered a rather moderate voter turnout of 72.91%.

More than 55% of the electorate cast their votes to seal the fate of five candidates in the fray for the Bageshwar Assembly bypoll in Uttarakhand. Till 5 p.m., 55.42% voting was recorded, Bageshwar District Magistrate Anuradha Paul said.

Around 76% of 2.6 lakh eligible voters exercised their franchise in the byelection to the Dhupguri Assembly seat in Jalpaiguri district of West Bengal till 5 p.m., an official said.

An average voter turnout of 76% was recorded in the byelections to Dhanpur and Boxanagar Assembly seats in Tripura, an official said. The police said six persons were injured when they were allegedly attacked by some villagers at Mohanbhog in Dhanpur Assembly constituency. The byelection to the Boxanagar constituency was necessitated by the death of CPI(M) MLA Samsul Haque. Union Minister Pratima Bhoumik's resignation as the MLA of Dhanpur necessitated the byelection.

(With inputs from PTI)

What is the agenda for Special Session, INDIA parties ask govt.

Sonia Gandhi to write to PM seeking a debate on the continuing violence in Manipur, price rise, unemployment and Chinese transgressions; floor leaders of INDIA parties meet at Kharge's house to devise a joint strategy for five-day session

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Crucial talks: Mallikarjun Kharge holding a meeting with leaders of Opposition parties to discuss strategy for the upcoming Special Session of Parliament, at his residence in New Delhi on Tuesday. ANI

Opposition parties belonging to the Indian National Developmental, Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) on Tuesday demanded that the Modi government spell out the agenda for the Special Session of Parliament even as the Congress decided that parliamentary party chief Sonia Gandhi will write to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the issues that the principal Opposition party wants to raise during the session.

The Parliamentary Strategy Group of the Congress, which met at Ms. Gandhi's 10 Janpath residence, decided that she will ask the government to have a debate on the continuing violence in Manipur, price rise, unemployment, Chinese transgressions and other issues, during the five-day Special Session of Parliament that begins on September 18.

Ms. Gandhi's letter will be on behalf of the 24 parties that are part of the INDIA bloc, which will take part in the session.

The Congress meeting was followed by a meeting of the floor leaders of the INDIA parties at the official residence of Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, who is also the Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha, to formulate a common strategy for the session.

"Modi Govt is convening a Special Session of Parliament for the first time without spelling out the agenda. No one from any Opposition party has been consulted or informed. This is not the way to run a democracy," Mr. Kharge posted on social media platform X soon after the meeting of floor leaders of INDIA bloc got over.

"Every day, Modi Govt plants a story in the media of a prospective 'agenda', thereby creating a smokescreen of diversion from real issues burdening the people...," he added.

At the Congress strategy meet, the issue of 'one nation one election', the Republic of India being referred to "Republic of Bharat" in a G-20 official invite and DMK leader Udhayanidhi Stalin's comment regarding *Sanatana Dharma* were discussed.

Multiple issues

Former Union Minister P. Chidambaram, Salman Khurshid and Rajya Sabha member Abhishek Singhvi are learnt to have briefed party colleagues on the legal aspects on both the issues: simultaneous polls and the change of name.

On the issue of *Sanatana Dharma*, the Congress decided to stick to its line of *sarva dharma sambhava* or respecting all religions, said a source. Other issues such as inflation and unemployment, fresh charges against the Adani Group, communal violence in Nuh (Haryana), CAG reports, and extensive damage caused by the floods in Himachal Pradesh and Northeast India also came up as issues that should be taken up in the Special Session.

There could be a renewed demand for a joint parliamentary committee probe against the Adani Group. Congress leader Jairam Ramesh said the parliamentary bulletin that lists out the agenda merely mentioned "government business" for all five days. "We are not going to sit only for Modi *chalisa* [prayer]. We will surely demand from the government and try and raise our issues in every session," Mr. Ramesh told reporters after the Congress meeting. Trinamool Congress MP Derek O'Brien said, "Where is the agenda for the session? Why is it being kept secret? This is is not how parliamentary democracies work."

(With inputs from Sobhana K. Nair)

Coordination committee of INDIA to meet on Sept. 13

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The first meeting of the 14-member coordination committee of the Indian National Developmental, Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) will be held on September 13 at the residence of Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) leader Sharad Pawar in Delhi.

The primary agenda on the table is to fix deadlines for seat sharing and presenting a vision document or common manifesto and also to finalise the dates for joint campaign rallies.

While the bloc has not appointed any one as the convener or chairperson of the alliance, Mr. Pawar will work as the *de facto* chair of the committee.

The seat-sharing talks will be the first point of conflict. "Obviously, there will be differences, but there are only half-a-dozen States which need to have seat-sharing arrangement – Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Punjab, West Bengal and Delhi. Out of this, Bihar, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu already have a framework in place," a senior Opposition leader said. There is a clear understanding among the constituents that the talks must start at the State level.

The first meeting of the campaign committee was held here on Tuesday.

Indo-Pacific, China map on agenda as PM leaves for Jakarta

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

Narendra Modi

Future cooperation on the Indo-Pacific, trade issues, the situation in Myanmar, and the recent controversy over China's map are likely to be on the agenda as Prime Minister Narendra Modi leaves on Wednesday for a two-day visit to Jakarta to attend the annual ASEAN-India Summit and the East Asia Summit hosted by Indonesian President Joko Widodo.

The visit is seen as a diplomatic gesture to Indonesia, as Mr. Modi was originally reluctant to travel just before the G-20 summit and the arrival of U.S. President Joseph Biden to Delhi, whom he is scheduled to meet on Friday, as well as other G-20 leaders. However, after India conveyed its concerns, Indonesian officials rescheduled both summits to be convened back-to-back on Thursday morning, with only a short break in between.

During the ASEAN-India summit, the first since the two sides upgraded their relationship to a comprehensive strategic partnership in 2022, Mr. Modi will review progress on issues such as strategic cooperation and military exercises as well as connectivity, including physical, digital and people-to-people ties, Saurabh Kumar, Secretary (East), External Affairs Minister, said.

He said that while ASEAN-India trade ties would be reviewed, plans to revise the ASEAN-India trade in goods agreement would be taken up by the ministerial dialogue.

Asked if the recent controversy over China's publication of a map that angered India and several other neighbours could also come up, Mr. Kumar was non-committal.

"It is difficult to anticipate what will be discussed when the leaders meet, but issues which are of mutual concern, regional and international, would all come up in their discussion. Whether there would be consensus, I cannot anticipate," he said.

Mr. Modi will begin the day on Thursday with the ASEAN-India Summit with leaders of the 10 South East Asian countries, of which Vietnam, the Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia and Brunei have all issued statements conveying concern over China's depiction of their territories in its "Standard Map 2023" issued last week, as India had. He will then attend the East Asian Summit with leaders of the ASEAN-10, U.S. Vice-President Kamala Harris, Chinese Premier Li Qiang, and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov. He will return to Delhi the same day, ahead of the arrivals for G-20, many of whom will fly from Jakarta.

While Russian President Vladimir Putin, Chinese President Xi Jinping and Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador have regretted their attendance at the summit in Delhi on September 9 and 10, various health concerns threw uncertainty on Tuesday over U.S. President Joe Biden, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, all of whom have confirmed their participation.

India rejects UN experts' report, calls it 'unwarranted'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

India on Tuesday rejected the concerns of a team of United Nations experts about the current situation in Manipur, saying the report was "unwarranted, presumptive and misleading". The response came hours after the team expressed "alarm" about reports of human rights violations in Manipur. They pointed out "inadequate humanitarian response" during the conflict.

The Indian response questioned the domain of the UN experts in addressing the human rights situation in India.

Restrictions imposed in Imphal following rally call

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A file photo of security forces deployed in Bishnupur district.

Curfew-like restrictions have been imposed in the Imphal Valley amid a call given by a Meitei civil society group to march towards the Bishnupur-Churachandpur boundary on Wednesday to remove an Army barricade.

The Coordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity (COCOMI) had asked the youth and local people to come out in large numbers on Monday to push the barricade further to the hill district of Churachandpur. The group said that the failure of the State and Central governments to remove the barricade by August 30 was the reason behind the protest march.

The barricade at Phougakchao Ikhai in Bishnupur lies on the main highway connecting Imphal and Churachandpur. COCOMI wants it removed and placed at Torbung Wangma instead.

This is the same area where Kuki groups on August 3 had planned the mass burial of 35 people from the community who were killed in the ongoing ethnic violence. The burial was deferred following an intervention by the Union Home Ministry and the Manipur High Court.

Central security forces and Army personnel are deployed in the "buffer zone". On Tuesday, the District Magistrate of Imphal West issued an order for curfew relaxation on Wednesday. Hours later, the order was withdrawn.

'Close contempt case'

The Manipur DGP has requested the Manipur High Court to close a contempt case, in which the security forces were accused of failing to implement an earlier order to maintain *status quo* at the proposed burial site.

Editors' Guild shocked by statements of Manipur CM, seeks closure of cases

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Editors' Guild of India on Tuesday urged the Manipur government to close the cases registered by the State police against its president and the members of a fact-finding team, stating that its report on media coverage of ethnic clashes was aimed at enabling introspection and reflection on the media's conduct in such a sensitive situation.

Stating that it was disturbed by the registration of first information reports (FIR) against the EGI president and the fact-finding team members who had visited Manipur to study and document media's coverage of ethnic clashes in the State, the Guild, in a statement, said it was shocked by the "intimidatory statements made by Chief Minister of Manipur N. Biren Singh in response to the report".

Several representations

The Guild said it had received several representations from civil society as well as the Indian Army raising concerns that the media in Manipur was playing a partisan role in the ongoing ethnic conflict between the majority Meitei community and the Kuki-Chin minority.

The People's Union for Civil Liberty (PUCL) has also sought immediate withdrawal of the FIRs filed by the State police.

Stating that the move was aimed at intimidating the Guild and other reporters, the PUCL said: "The State government seems to have facilitated the majority community's anger against the Kukis through several seemingly partisan statements."

Action sought against Tamil Nadu Minister

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Over 260 citizens, mostly former judges and bureaucrats, have written a letter to Chief Justice D.Y. Chandrachud to initiate *suo motu* contempt proceedings against Tamil Nadu for failing to take action against Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin for his remarks about *Sanatana Dharma*, which the signatories said amounted to hate speech.

APPEAL

I am Arun aged 22 years suffering from Allogenic Bone Marrow Transplantation and advised Chemotherapy at Meenakshi Mission Hospital & Research Centre, Madurai. The total expenditure is Rs.16,00,000/-. I am very poor and cannot afford this huge cost. Please help me. Donations sent by Ch/D.D. favouring **Meenakshi Mission Hospital & Research Centre, Madurai will be acknowledged.** The donations sent through Ch/D.D/NEFT Transfer & Google Pay (Canara Bank, Nungambakkam Branch, A/c No: 60182010063310, IFSC No: CNRB0016018) favouring **Women's Welfare Syndicate** is exempted under 80G IT.

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Arun

Modi, Biden to hold bilateral talks on Friday: White House

Sriram Lakshman

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and U.S. President Joe Biden will hold bilateral talks on Friday in New Delhi, U.S. National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan confirmed.

Mr. Biden, who is being closely watched for symptoms of COVID-19, after U.S. First Lady Jill Biden tested positive on Monday, tested negative on Wednesday and is still on track to travel to India for the G-20 Summit, as per the White House.

In New Delhi, the U.S. will focus on "delivering for developing countries, making progress on key priorities for the American people from climate to technology, and showing our [its] commitment to the G 20," Mr. Sullivan told reporters at Tuesday's White House press briefing.

He said the U.S. welcomed the addition of the African Union as a new permanent member of the G-20 and that scaling up and reshaping development banks and institutions (the World Bank and IMF) would also be a focus of the discussions this weekend. Mr. Biden will call on the G-20 countries to provide debt relief for low- and middle-income countries, and play a constructive role in this, with "no exceptions", Mr. Sullivan said, presumably referring to China's role as the world's largest creditor.

Other global issues on the agenda at the G-20, as per Mr. Sullivan, include the inclusive digital transformation, the responsible use of Artificial Intelligence (AI), climate and digital technology and infrastructure investment.

Mr. Biden will also call for a "just and durable peace" for Ukraine and respect for the United Nations Charter and international law, following Russia's ongoing invasion of Ukraine.

Joint statement

Mr. Sullivan acknowledged that getting consensus on a G-20 statement on Russia's invasion of Ukraine was going to be "challenging" because Russia is a part of the G-20 (albeit not at the New Delhi summit).

India's G-20 "sherpa" or top official , Amitabh Kant, is still hopeful of a joint declaration, the *Financial Times* reported earlier this week, despite objections by Beijing and Moscow on language around Ukraine, borrowed from last year's summit in Bali.

In July, however, Mr. Kant had said that the Russia-Ukraine war was not a priority for India's G-20 Presidency, but it was working instead on a Leaders' Declaration focused on issues such as development, multilateral institutions and technological transformation.

During Tuesday's press briefing, Mr. Sullivan assured the U.S. press of access during the G-20 after he was asked if the press travelling with Mr. Biden to Asia (India and then Vietnam) should expect challenges such as threats and restrictions.

'Xi Jinping skipping G-20 Summit a deliberate signal to India, West'

The decision by the Chinese President conveys Beijing's displeasure with the current state of bilateral ties with New Delhi and with what it sees as the politicisation of G-20, which China believes should be limited to economic issues, say experts

Ananth Krishnan

With Chinese President Xi Jinping skipping a G-20 Summit for the first time, Beijing is sending "deliberate signals" to India and the West by essentially downgrading its involvement in a key international forum, according to current and former officials and people familiar with Beijing's thinking.

Missing the summit, they said, conveys China's displeasure both with the current state of bilateral ties with India – and New Delhi's stand that normalcy in broader ties is not possible without a restoration of peace on the Line of Actual Control (LAC) – and with what Beijing sees as a "politicisation" of the G-20, which it believes should be limited to economic issues and not involve itself with issues such as the war in Ukraine.

Beijing offered no reason on Monday for Mr. Xi's decision to skip the summit. The Chinese Foreign Ministry on Tuesday, asked if tensions with India were a factor behind the decision, suggested otherwise, saying that Beijing "always attaches high importance to and actively participates in relevant activities".

"We support India in hosting this year's summit and stand ready to work with all parties to make the G-20 Summit a success," spokesperson Mao Ning said. "China-India relations have been stable on the whole and our two sides have maintained dialogue and communication at various levels," Ms. Mao added. "The continued improvement and growth of China-India relations serves the common interests of the two countries and two peoples. We stand ready to work with India to further improve and advance bilateral relations."

Bilateral relations: A file photo of Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Chinese President Xi Jinping during a meeting. PTI

The decision, however, was "surprising", noted former Indian Ambassador to China Ashok Kantha, considering Mr. Xi attended all previous G-20 Summits (he attended the 2021 Rome summit virtually) and as recently as August 24 travelled to South Africa for the BRICS Summit. Health reasons also do not appear to be a factor, with Mr. Xi in the past week meeting the visiting President of Benin in Beijing and also addressing by video a key conference on trade in services.

'Lack of comfort'

"So one presumes it is a deliberate signal both in the bilateral context, where there is unhappiness about the present state of relations, and a second aspect is a lack of comfort for China with the G-20 as a platform," Mr. Kantha said. "They are sending out signals that they see things [with India] as not good and that they are not going to go the extra mile to retrieve the situation."

Following an informal conversation between Mr. Modi and Mr. Xi in South Africa, both sides put out differing readouts over what was said, and then subsequently exchanged sharp barbs over China's issuing of a new "standard map" for 2023 on August 28.

While the timing, five days after the meeting between the leaders, was likely coincidental given the release of the map during what appeared to be a long-planned "map awareness publicity week" campaign in China by the Ministry of Natural Resources, it was seen by New Delhi as further complicating already sensitive relations amid an unresolved border crisis.

Stark contrast

Skipping the summit also reflects China's unease with the G-20 as a platform, and a stark contrast to its investing in other fora such as BRICS and the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO).

People familiar with Beijing's thinking suggest Mr. Xi would have been "very likely present in Delhi" if India hosted the SCO Summit in person given the importance accorded by Beijing to the China and Russia-backed grouping. India decided to host the summit virtually, although it had initially planned for a physical summit in New Delhi.

"In BRICS, Xi was more comfortable as China was more in a position to influence the agenda and outcomes," Mr. Kantha added. "At the G-20, there is much greater pressure on China, and [Russian President Vladimir] Putin being absent means China will come under pressure. The Chinese feel they are more in control at the BRICS and SCO."

Deviation from protocol

Second-ranked leader and Premier Li Qiang will attend the Delhi G-20 Summit. This is a deviation from standard Chinese protocol, with a clear division of responsibility in the Chinese system when it comes to international meetings.

The President as Head of State (HoS) usually attends the G-20 and APEC Summit. Mr. Xi is expected to travel to the U.S. in November for the latter. The Premier usually attends the East Asia Summit, which Mr. Li is participating in this week in Indonesia before travelling to New Delhi. Both attend the SCO where there are separate HoS and Head of Government meetings.

"That practice is maintained very clearly and they don't ordinarily deviate from it," Mr. Kantha noted. "So this is not a routine decision, and it is clearly well thought out."

Schedule of up to 283 train services changed for G-20 Summit

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The G-20 Summit in New Delhi has led to the cancellation, short-termination, and rescheduling of up to 283 trains by Northern Railway between September 8 and 11.

They include at least 155 passenger trains. On September 8, four trains will be affected, while on September 9, at least 62 passenger trains, originating from or terminating at Delhi Sarai Rohilla, New Delhi, Panipat, Bulandshahr-Hazrat Nizamuddin, Shakurbasti, Rewari, Ghaziabad, Shamli, Ambala, Jind, Saharanpur, Kurukshetra, will be hit.

Similarly, 70 trains will be affected on September 10 along the same routes and two on September 11.

Helpline 139

The Northern Railway has informed passengers that at least 17 trains will terminate short of Delhi junction on September 9 and 10. In a circular, it said, "Passengers are advised to plan their journey after checking train status in passenger's helpline no 139 - RailMadad."

Up to 40 mail or express trains, including the Taj Express and trains to Amritsar, Bareilly, Jalandhar, Rohtak, Ambala, Bhatinda, Haridwar, Pathankot, Kanpur, have been cancelled. Along the same routes, 12 trains have a change of terminal, while two trains have been rescheduled.

Centre should remove 50% cap on quota: Sharad Pawar

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Amid protests demanding reservation for the Marathas, Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) president Sharad Pawar on Tuesday asked the Centre to remove the 50% cap on reservation and raise it by 15%-16% to accommodate more communities.

Mr. Pawar said, "Some people say that making more people [communities] beneficiaries of the OBC (other backward class) quota is injustice to the poor people of the (existing) OBC quota. This cannot be ignored."

In 2021, the Supreme Court had declared as unconstitutional a Maharashtra law which provided reservation to the Marathas.

'India' and 'Bharat' interchangeable, can be used in official invite, say legal experts

Sandeep Phukan
NEW DELHI

An official invitation from President Droupadi Murmu to G-20 guests in which she is described as the "President of Bharat" has triggered speculation that the Narendra Modi government could officially change the name of "India" to "Bharat" during the five-day-long Special Session of Parliament that starts on September 18.

While the issue has predictably sent political temperatures soaring, there is ambivalence within the legal fraternity on whether a constitutional amendment is required for a change of name.

"The fact is that the terms Bharat and India can be used interchangeably, especially in view of the authorised Hindi version of the Indian Constitution, but the government cannot stipulate that everyone use only one name: either is permissible and usable interchangeably," senior Supreme Court advocate and Congress member Abhishek Singhvi told *The Hindu*.

Mr. Singhvi, who is also a former Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Law and Justice, said an amendment would be required only if the government insisted on the use of any one term or wanted to remove a particular term.

Former Additional Solicitor-General and senior Supreme Court advocate Aman Lekhi said it was officially the "Republic of India" and even the G-20 Presidency was known as the "Indian Presidency". He said that any change of name would require a constitutional amendment under Article 368.

Abhishek Singhvi

"The change is possible but is it necessary? There are certain things that should be free of controversy and the name of the country should highest in that list," Mr. Lekhi said.

"Unless any intention to the contrary is made explicit, the terminology is only a question of semantics. And at this stage, there is no need to read anything sinister," former Law Minister Ashwani Kumar said.

Another top constitutional expert, who did not wish to be named, said there was nothing wrong in sending an invitation as the "President of Bharat". However, it should not be seen as the first step towards doing away with the use of English language.

"Article 348(1) of the Constitution states that all proceedings in the Supreme Court and in every High Court shall be in English language until Parliament passes a law," the expert noted, adding,"If they want to pass such a law, then that would be a federal issue."

The debate over the language of government Bills started last month after Union Home Minister Amit Shah introduced the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, and the Bharatiya Sakshya Bill in the Lok Sabha to replace the Indian Penal Code, the Code of Criminal Procedure and the Evidence Act, respectively.

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4.	Date & Time of availability of bid document in the portal	:	From 11.00 AM of 08.09.2023 to 05.00 PM of 22.09.2023
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No.1981 **1st Corrigendum Notice** dated 4/9/2023

The 1st Corrigendum to the Bid Identification No. BLGR-Online-18/2023-24, the Revised Estimated Cost, EMD amount only for the work " Construction of Cherupali-Agalpur road 14/0 to 21/0 Kms under SACI in the district of Bolangir for the year 2023-24" and revised date and time for all the work mentioned in NIT.

REVISED ANNEXURE

Sl. No	Name of the Work	Approx. Estimated cost excluding GST (Rs. in lakh)	EMD required (In Rs.)	Cost of tender paper (In Rs.) to be submitted online	Class of Contractor	Time of completion (in calendar months)	Name of R.W. Division
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Construction of Cherupali - Agalpur road 14/0 to 21/0 Kms under SACI in the district of Bolangir for the year 2023-24	519.63	Rs.5,19,630/-	10,000/- per set	"A" Class	9 (Nine) Months	Bolangir

REVISED DATE & TIME

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding From	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding To	Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender: Technical Bid	Date & Time of opening of tender: Financial Bid
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Chief Construction Engineer, R.W.Circle, Bolangir.	BLGR-Online-18/2023-24	02.09.2023 at 11.00 A.M.	18.09.2023 up to 5.00 P.M.	16.09.2023 upto 5.00 P.M.	21.09.2023 at 11.00 A.M.	The date will be intimated to the technically qualified bidders later on

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BJP to launch two yatras in poll-bound Chhattisgarh

The Hindu Bureau
RAIPUR

The Bharatiya Janata Party will launch two *Parivartan Yatras* in Congress-ruled Chhattisgarh, starting on September 12, as part of its preparations for the Assembly election due by the end of the year.

The party will raise issues against the Bhupesh Baghel government during the yatras. BJP State president Arun Sao said one yatra would start from Dantewada on September 12 and the other from Jashpurnagar on September 16.

How two CJIs, four years apart, had dealt differently with pleas for the name 'Bharat'

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

Four years apart, two Chief Justices of India had reacted differently to demands for the name "Bharat" instead of "India".

While one CJI upheld the right of the individual to choose between the two names, his successor, four years down the line, suggested nudging the government about it.

These hearings in the Supreme Court happened years before the 2023 G-20 dinner invite described President Droupadi Murmu as the "President of Bharat", sparking a row over whether the government was planning to drop "India" and keep just "Bharat".

In March 2016, Chief Justice of India T.S. Thakur told activist Niranjan Bhatwal from Maharshtra that the choice was his, to call his country "Bharat" or "India". Nobody, no authority, State or court, had the power to dictate to citizens what they should call their country.

Mr. Bhatwal had sought clarity on the phraseology of Article 1 of the Constitution, which said: "India, that is Bharat, shall be a Union of States." He argued that the word "India" was not a literal translation of the word "Bharata". He said history and the scriptures knew the country as "Bharata". The activist had contended that "India" was a name coined by the British. Citizens need to have an unambiguous understanding of what they should call their country.

The petition said the Constituent Assembly had debated many names for the newborn Republic, and some of them were "Bharat, Hindustan, Hind and Bharatbhumi or Bharatvarsh and names of that kind". "India" was incorporated merely for the limited purpose of recognition of the Republic by other countries.

Second petition

An identical petition again came up before the top court, this time before Chief Justice S.A. Bobde, in June 2020. The country at the time was grappling with the pandemic. The plea wanted "India" to be struck off Article 1, saying there should be "uniformity" about the name of the nation.

Chief Justice Bobde responded by pointing out to the petitioner, Namah, that "Bharat and India are both names given in the Constitution. India is already called 'Bharat' in the Constitution". Though Chief Justice Bobde did not entertain the petition, he suggested that it could be transformed into a representation and forwarded to the Central Ministries, primarily the Union Home Ministry.

INBRIEF

Bihar Governor slams Education Department

Bihar Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar on Tuesday slammed the Education Department in the presence of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar during a Teachers' Day programme in Patna. Referring to the ongoing conflict with the Education Department, without taking any name, the Governor indirectly chastised K.K. Pathak, Additional Chief Secretary of the Education Department. The officials were present on the dais at Patna University, where the Wheeler Senate Hall was being inaugurated. His remark came amid friction between the Education Department and the Raj Bhavan over the past few weeks.

NMC brings digital signatures after an alert of fake letters

The National Medical Commission (NMC) has instructed all medical colleges that Letter of Permission (LoP) and Continuation of Recognition (CoR) issued by the Board concerned should be under the digital signature of the member/president concerned and that only this should be treated as genuine. The notice comes following an alert where fake LoP and CoR have been issued to the medical colleges in the name of the president/member of the boards. It added that dean/principal will be solely responsible for taking cognizance of letter(s) in any other form.

U.P. court sentences 23 accused in Bikru Massacre

A special Gangster Act court in Kanpur Dehat on Tuesday sentenced 23 people to 10 years' imprisonment in connection with the 2020 massacre of eight Uttar Pradesh police personnel, led by Vikas Dubey, a gangster, who later was killed in a police encounter. "After hearing of 30 accused persons, the court in Mati in Kanpur Dehat district on September 5, 2023 gave its final judgement in which out of 30 accused persons, 23 accused persons were sentenced to 10 years of imprisonment, and a fine of ₹50,000 was imposed on each of them," a statement by Prashant Kumar, the Special Director-General (Law and Order), read.

Activists cry foul over NIA searches in U.P. in Naxal case

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Tuesday conducted searches at eight locations in five districts of Uttar Pradesh in connection with its investigation into a Naxal case. The searches are going on in Prayagraj, Varanasi, Chandauli, Azamgarh and Deoria districts of U.P. The sites included the residence of Seema Azad, national secretary of People's Union for Civil Liberties (PUCL) and Bhagat Singh Student's Morcha (BSM), leading to an uproar from activists who deemed it "criminalising of activism". As per the anti-terror agency officials, the searches were conducted early on Tuesday "in connection with NIA Case no. RC- 01/2023/NIA/LKW revival of NRB of CPI (Maoist) case".

In second action by ISTRAC, Aditya-L1 enters new orbit

The manoeuvre was performed in the early hours of Tuesday, and the new orbit attained was 282 km x 40,225 km; three more manoeuvres are scheduled, with the next fixed for September 10

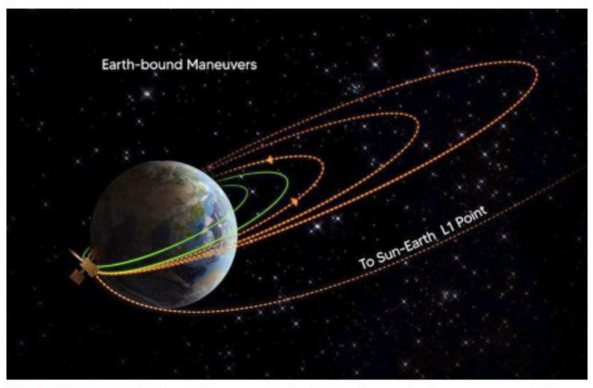
The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The second earth-bound manoeuvre of the Aditya L-1 mission to study the sun has been performed successfully by the ISRO Telemetry, Tracking and Command Network (ISTRAC), Bengaluru.

"ISTRAC/ISRO's ground stations at Mauritius, Bengaluru and Port Blair tracked the satellite during this operation," the space agency said.

The manoeuvre was performed in the early hours of Tuesday and the new orbit attained was 282 km x 40,225 km. Three more manoeuvres are scheduled, with the next scheduled for around 2.30 a.m. on September 10.

After the final manoeuvre on September 18, Aditya-L1 will undergo a trans-Lagrangian1 insertion manoeuvre, marking the beginning of its 110-day trajectory to the destination around the L1 Lagrange point. Upon arrival at the L1 point, another manoeuvre will bind Aditya-L1 to an orbit around L1, a balanced gravitational location between the earth and the sun.



New chapter: Aditya L1, country's first solar mission, successfully performed the second earth-bound manoeuvre, on Tuesday. ISRO

The satellite spends its whole mission life orbiting around L1 in an irregularly shaped orbit in a plane roughly perpendicular to the line joining the earth and the sun. Aditya-L1 will be the first Indian space-based observatory to study the sun from a halo orbit around first sun-earth Lagrangian point (L1), which is located roughly 1.5 million km from earth.

The first earth-bound manoeuvre was successfully performed on September 3.

The ISRO's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-C57) successfully launched the Aditya-L1 spacecraft from the Second Launch Pad of Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC), Sriharikota, on September 2.

After a flight duration of 63 minutes and 20 seconds, Aditya-L1 spacecraft was successfully injected into an elliptical orbit of 235 km x 19,500 km around the earth.

According to the ISRO, a satellite placed in the halo orbit around the L1 point has the major advantage of continuously viewing the sun without any occultation and eclipses.

This will provide a greater advantage of observing the solar activities and its effect on space weather in real time.

Aditya-L1 carries seven scientific payloads indigenously developed by the ISRO and national research laboratories, including the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA), Bengaluru, and the Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA), Pune.

The payloads are to observe the photosphere, chromosphere and the outermost layers of the sun (the corona) using electromagnetic and particle and magnetic field detectors.

(With inputs from PTI)

Centre signs MoU with Adobe to train children in classroom

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Adobe will provide schools across the country with free access to Adobe Express Premium

The Union Education Ministry signed an agreement with global software major Adobe to help children develop creative expression in classrooms using the application Adobe Express. Training and certification in creativity and digital literacy will be provided to about 20 million students and five lakh teachers by 2027 using Adobe Express-based curriculum. The partnership was signed here on Tuesday.

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said in the time of digitisation, new ideas, new innovation and creativity, the partnership will create a new standard and benchmark for students. He congratulated the education ecosystem for having a collaborative MoU with an important multinational and global company.

Adobe's vice-president and MD Prativa Mohapatra said Adobe's creativity and digital skilling programs have touched the lives of millions of students across India. "With ground-breaking generative AI at the core of Express, we're excited to empower India's classrooms with the latest technology to revolutionise how students and educators can use creativity to turn ideas into stunning content," she said.

Under the programme, Adobe will provide schools across the country with free access to Adobe Express Premium and professional development of educators. "Curriculum, training and certification based on Adobe Express tools and capabilities will be rolled out to empower students and educators with topics covering creativity, generative AI, design, video, animation and other emerging technologies," a release said. "5,00,000 Educators will be up-skilled to use Express," it added.

Varsities, colleges will be denied funds if they follow Governor's orders: Mamata

The Hindu Bureau
KOLKATA

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday threatened an "economic blockade" of higher educational institutions in the State if they followed the orders of Governor C.V. Ananda Bose.

"If the Governor continues to interfere in the affairs of college and universities and any university or college agrees to function as per his will, then I will create economic blockade. On this issue, there will be tit for tat, no compromise. Let us see in which college or university you [the Governor] are able to pay salaries to the teachers," Ms. Banerjee said.

Stern warning: The remarks by the Chief Minister come amid a tussle between the Raj Bhavan and the State government. PTI

Ongoing tussle

The remarks by the Chief Minister come amid a tussle between the Raj Bhavan and the State government over the appointment of interim Vice-Chancellors.

On Sunday evening, the Governor appointed interim Vice-Chancellors at 16 universities without any consultation with the State government.

The Chief Minister, who was participating in an event to mark the Teachers' Day celebrations in Kolkata, said she found the developments relating to higher educational institutions "heart wrenching".

"I have told him [the Governor] a number of times that please do not do this. We will pay funds and make policies and you will interfere. Have you ever heard that in the middle of the night, the Vice-Chancellor of Jadavpur University was changed? This means that a conspiracy is going on so that the system collapses. We will not allow this to continue," Ms. Banerjee said.

None of the 31 State-run universities in West Bengal have full-time Vice-Chancellors, which has resulted in an unprecedented crisis. The Governor had appointed interim Vice-Chancellors to administer these universities without any consultation.

President Murmu honours 75 teachers with national awards on Teachers' Day

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

President Droupadi Murmu felicitated 75 teachers in New Delhi on Teachers' Day, September 5.

Each of the 50 school-teachers, 13 teachers from higher education institutions and 12 from the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship – received a certificate of merit, a cash award of ₹50,000 and a silver medal.

Honour list: Award-winning teachers during the presentation of national awards on the occasion of Teachers' Day in New Delhi . PTI

Archana Nooguri from Telangana, who works on improving enrolment rates and reducing dropouts, was awarded for her efforts at developing low-cost teaching-learning material.

Chandan Mishra from West Bengal was recognised for his efforts at integrating augmented and virtual reality in his teaching-learning processes.

Similarly, Dwijendra Kumar from Bihar took the initiative to make his school a Divyang model school. He involved the community in spreading awareness of health and hygiene, child marriage and dowry.

Mujib Rahman K.U. from Kerala promotes good reading habits through various innovative activities. M. Bhaskar Rao from Andhra Pradesh conducts awareness programmes and participatory activities on issues such as child labour, child marriage and environment protection.

Dinesh Babu J., Associate Professor at the International Institute of Information Technology in Bengaluru, was awarded for developing an innovative UPSC virtual reality interviewing platform.

Indranath Sengupta, Professor of Mathematics at the IIT-Gandhinagar, was selected for his dedication and contribution to higher education and enriching lives of his students.

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan launched the Malaviya Mission Teachers Training Programme.

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(set by Incognito)

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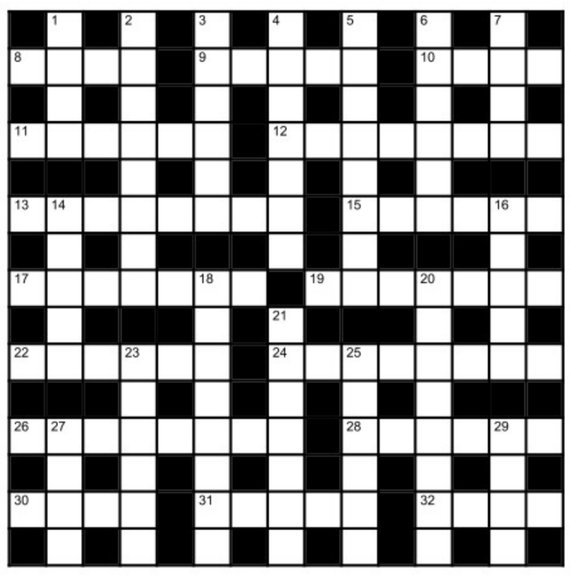

Across

8 Female spreads oil to make pastry dough (4)
9 Wandering, came across Catholic and Islamic holy city (5)
10 Flower carried back in Antonov aircraft (4)
11 Legendary lady from small European sea and America (6)
12 Speed up putting tepid mixture in river (8)
13 Aid car damaged in precipitation loaded with hydrogen ions (4,4)
15 Sailor on street in another country (6)
17 Increase soldiers after August and commencement of tension (7)
19 Minor actress shakes rattles (7)
22 Dead bodies resulting from fight on board ship (6)
24 Start IIT eat-in cooking (8)
26 Sorry, coir tent is dismantled (8)
28 Note: Departed and cleaned up (6)
30 Secret agent's pier (4)
31 Shoot young descendant of influential family (5)
32 Order followed by Yankee? Follow order! (4)

Down

1 Quarry owned by me (4)
2 Mound cur destroyed displays abrasive mineral (8)
3 Badly limp around an American animal (6)
4 Hides displays (7)
5 Facility producing LNG, perhaps, can make gals pant (3,5)
6 Large snake? It may help you reach higher places! (6)
7 Sprinter's putting egg into bacon, lettuce and tomato initially (4)
14 What the amorous lawyer did at his workplace? (5)
16 Spy one decent guy (5)
18 Badly designed tin seats are most unpleasant (8)
20 Smallest unit of precipitation, perhaps, managed to cover one doctor having small operation (8)
21 Left European peninsular area for country in Africa (7)
23 Pop has stout with that lady (6)
25 Where the camper gets desire? (6)
27 Boy wearing spectacles has European musical instrument (4)
29 Sees from end of bridge? Correct! (4)

SUDOKU

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Purpose of Krishnavatara

It is natural for human beings to have a churning mind that becomes agitated. However, in the Krishnavatara, the residents of Brindavan were always happy. They forsook butter ('*Nei unnom paal unnom,*' Andal says in Tiruppavai), preferring to leave it for Krishna, who stole it endlessly, and therein lies the secret of Krishna's avatara, Sudha Sesshayyan said in a discourse.

Krishna's mischief with butter never ceased. Yashodha ties Him to a pillar so that He couldn't steal butter. He is scolded, repeatedly. And yet, His focus is always on butter and on cattle. At the age of seven, Krishna pesters Nandagopal to let Him herd the cows.

What is the significance of this concern for cattle, and Krishna's penchant for butter? "He is hidden, like ghee in milk," Saivite saint Tirunavukkararasar says. It's a symbolic allusion in which milk is likened to our minds, where the ultimate truth lies, mingled with the materialistic yearnings. To extract ghee, one must make butter by constant churning. Similarly, we have to extract the ultimate truth.

By constantly turning our attention to butter, Krishna shows us that in order to attain Him, we have to constantly experience His life events. Like the cows He herded in Brindavan, Krishna guides us through our lives.

TULKAREM

Israeli forces kill 21-year-old Palestinian in occupied West Bank

REUTERS

Israeli forces shot dead a 21-year-old Palestinian in a raid on a West Bank refugee camp, the Palestinian Health Ministry said on Tuesday, as violence in the occupied territory shows no let-up. The Islamic Jihad militant group identified him as a member of its armed wing, the Al-Quds Brigade. AFP

WASHINGTON

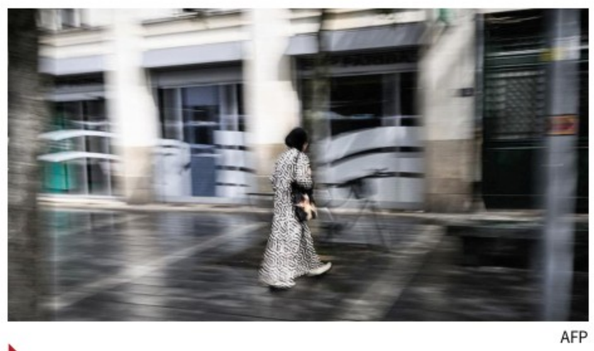
Joe Biden tests negative after U.S. First Lady contracts COVID-19

AFP

U.S. First Lady Jill Biden on Monday tested positive for COVID-19, the White House said. President Joe Biden tested negative. The 72-year-old first lady is experiencing "only mild symptoms," and will remain in the couple's home in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. Jill Biden last tested positive for COVID a year ago. AFP

PARIS

French schools send back dozens of girls wearing Muslim robe



AFP

French schools sent dozens of girls home for refusing to remove their abayas on the first day of the school year. Defying a ban on the Muslim robe, nearly 300 girls showed up on Monday morning wearing an abaya. Most agreed to change out of the robe, but 67 refused and were sent home. AFP

BEIJING

Great Wall of shame: two held after smashing hole in China landmark

REUTERS

Two persons were detained after using an excavator to dig a hole in the Great Wall of China. The police followed tracks made by machinery used to dig a shortcut through a segment of the wall. The suspects admitted under questioning that they had used a digger to create a shortcut in the wall to reduce local travel time. AFP

Partial win for same-sex groups in Hong Kong

Agence France-Presse
HONG KONG

Hong Kong's top court ruled in favour of recognising same-sex partnerships on Tuesday and gave the government two years to come up with a legal framework, but stopped short of granting full marriage rights to the city's LGBTQ community.

The case brought by jailed pro-democracy activist Jimmy Sham is the first time Hong Kong's Court of Final Appeal has directly addressed the issue of same-sex marriage.

The court ruled that the Hong Kong government violated its "obligation... to establish an alternative framework for legal recognition of same-sex partnerships". It gave authorities two years to comply with the ruling.

The court stopped short of full-throated support for same-sex marriage, siding instead with lower courts in saying that "the constitutional freedom of marriage... is confined to opposite-sex marriage".

Activists said the "partial" win could pave the way for more protections for same-sex couples but remained wary of what sort of framework would emerge from Hong Kong's Beijing-approved legislature.

'North Korea's Kim may meet with Putin in Russia this month'

Kremlin is trying to acquire military equipment for use in Ukraine war, says a U.S. official; earlier, Shoigu had travelled to Pyongyang for talks

Associated Press
WASHINGTON

A U.S. official said on Monday that North Korean leader Kim Jong-un may travel to Russia soon to meet with President Vladimir Putin as the Kremlin tries to acquire military equipment for use in its war in Ukraine.

The official, who was not authorised to address the matter publicly and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity, said the U.S. expects Mr. Kim will make the trip within the month. The official said the U.S. isn't sure exactly where or when the meeting would take place, but the Pacific port city of Vladivostok would be a likely possibility given its relative proximity to North Korea.

National Security Council spokeswoman Adrienne Watson noted on Monday that Russian Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu travelled to Pyongyang recently and tried to persuade North Korea to sell artillery ammunition to Russia.

Ms. Watson said, "We have information that Kim Jong-un expects these discussions to continue, to include leader-level diplomatic engagement in Russia."

Opportune relations: Kim Jong-un is expected to meet Vladimir Putin in the Pacific port city of Vladivostok. FILE PHOTO

'Stop arms talks'

She added that the U.S. is urging North Korea "to cease its arms negotiations with Russia and abide by the public commitments that Pyongyang has made to not provide or sell arms to Russia".

Mr. Shoigu said on Monday the two countries may hold joint war games.

The New York Times first reported that Mr. Kim planned to meet with Mr. Putin in Russia this month.

The White House said last week it had intelligence indicating that Mr. Putin and Mr. Kim swapped letters following Mr. Shoigu's visit. National Security Council spokesman John Kirby said the letters were "more at the surface level" but that Russian and North Korean talks on a weapons sale were advancing.

Myanmar won't be allowed to lead ASEAN in 2026, in blow to Generals

Associated Press
JAKARTA

Southeast Asian leaders decided that Myanmar won't take over the rotating leadership of their regional bloc as scheduled in 2026, Asian diplomats and a leader said on Tuesday, in the latest blow to efforts by its ruling Generals to gain international recognition after violently seizing power in 2021.

Western governments led by the U.S. have condemned the Myanmar Army's ouster of Aung San Suu Kyi's democratically elected government in 2021 and have demanded her immediate release from years-long detention along with other officials.

The Philippines agreed to take over the regional bloc's chairmanship in 2026 at an ASEAN summit hosted by Indonesia on Tuesday, Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. said in a statement, citing what he told fellow leaders in the closed-door meetings.

Take the helm

"It is my pleasure to announce that the Philippines is ready to take the helm and chair ASEAN in 2026," Mr. Marcos told his ASEAN counterparts in Jakarta, the statement said.

Mr. Marcos did not explain why Myanmar lost the prestigious year-long ASEAN chairmanship, but two ASEAN diplomats said it was related to the civil strife in the country and fears that the bloc's relations with the U.S. and the EU, among others, might be undermined because of their non-recognition of the military-led government in Myanmar.

Vacant space: An empty seat for Myanmar's delegate at the plenary session of the 43rd ASEAN Summit in Jakarta on Tuesday. REUTERS

The diplomats spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorised to discuss the delicate issue publicly.

Continuing deadly civil strife in Myanmar and new flare-ups in long-simmering territorial disputes in the South China Sea were high in the agenda of the 10-nation bloc's talks on Tuesday. Thorny issues including the U.S.-China rivalry in the region have set off divisions within ASEAN, and Indonesian President Joko Widodo renewed his call for unity.

"All of us are aware of the magnitude of the world's challenges today, where the main key to facing them is the unity and centrality of ASEAN," Mr. Widodo told fellow leaders.

Peace and stability

He likened the regional group to a big ship carrying Southeast Asia's people. "ASEAN leaders must ensure that this ship is able to keep going, able to keep sailing," Mr. Widodo said. "We must be captains of our own ships to bring about peace, to bring about stability, to bring about shared prosperity."

In a punitive step for their failure to comply with a five-point domestic peace plan crafted by ASEAN leaders in 2021, Myanmar's top Generals and their appointed officials were again barred from attending this year's summit in Jakarta despite suggestions by some member states that they be allowed back because their ejection had failed to resolve the country's crisis.

Indonesian Foreign Minister Retno Marsudi said ASEAN would stick with the plan.

Myanmar security forces have killed about 4,000 civilians and arrested 24,410 others since the army takeover, according to the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners, a rights monitoring organisation.

After their summit on Tuesday, the regional group's leaders will meet with Asian and Western counterparts from Wednesday to Thursday, including U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris, who is attending in lieu of President Joe Biden, Chinese Premier Li Qiang, and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov.

Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida said before flying to Jakarta that he plans to offer assurances of the safety of the ongoing release into the sea of treated radioactive wastewater from the damaged Fukushima nuclear power plant.

The release began on August 24 and China immediately imposed a ban on all Japanese seafood.

Cuba uncovers human trafficking ring for Russia's war in Ukraine

Agence France-Presse
HAVANA

Cuba has identified an alleged human trafficking ring aimed at recruiting its citizens to fight in Russia's war in Ukraine, the Foreign Ministry said on Monday.

The government was working to dismantle a "trafficking network that operates from Russia to incorporate Cuban citizens living there, and even some from Cuba, into the military forces involved in military operations in Ukraine," the Ministry said in a statement.

The Cuban government had initiated criminal proceedings against those carrying out the trafficking, it added.

Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez said in a post on X, formerly Twitter, that the government was "acting with the full force of the law" against trafficking operations.

"Cuba is not part of the war in Ukraine," the Ministry said. There was no immediate reaction from Moscow.

On Friday, Miami's America TeVe newspaper published what it described as testimonies from two teenagers who said they had been tricked into working alongside the Russian Army on construction sites in Ukraine.

In a video message posted on the newspaper's website, one of the teens called for help getting out as quickly as possible. America TeVe said the video message was sent from a bus transporting the pair from Ukraine to the Russian city Ryazan along with Russian servicemen.

Tough spot: Eritrean asylum-seekers rally in Tel Aviv in protest against an event organised in support of Eritrea's government. AFP

UN warns Israel that expelling Eritreans *en masse* is unlawful

Agence France-Presse
GENEVA

The UN urged Israel on Tuesday to refrain from mass deportations of Eritreans following weekend clashes involving asylum seekers, warning it would "contravene international law" and could have dire human consequences.

The UN refugee agency said it was "deeply concerned" by the clashes that erupted on Saturday when a demonstration against an Eritrean government event turned violent, injuring over 200 people.

The clashes began when hundreds of anti-government Eritreans came to prevent the event from taking place in Tel Aviv.

While stressing that it was "important to establish accountability" for the events, William Spindler warned Israel against taking broad measures against Eritreans in the country.

Collective punishment is banned under international law, as is refoulment, or returning someone to a country where they could face torture, cruel, inhumane or degrading treatment. His comments came after Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said the country was considering deporting 1,000 Eritreans who took part in the clashes.

UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY

Body of an unknown male person aged around 32 years was found lying on the lower birth seat of T16348 Mang - TVC Express Coach No. 096487 GS on 20/08/2023. The dead body was kept in Thiruvananthapuram Medical College Mortuary. In connection with this, a case was registered in Railway Police Station Thiruvananthapuram as Crime No. 292/2023 U/S 174 CrPC. If anyone obtained the where abouts of the above said person please inform to the nearest Police Station or to the Govt. Railway Police Station Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala at the earliest.
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(Pertaining to Kanpur Canal Division No.II, Rimuli)

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2	Estimated Cost	Rs.4137.33 Lakh
3	Period of Completion	11 (Eleven) Calendar Months including rainy season
4	Date & Time of availability of bid document in the portal	Dt.09.09.2023 from 10.00 Hours to Dt.25.09.2023 up to 17.00 Hours.
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7	Name & Address of the Officer Inviting Bid	Er. Prasanna Kumar Pani, Chief Construction Engineer, Kanupur Irrigation Project, At/PO:Basudevpur, Dist- Keonjhar, Odisha-758047

Further details can be seen from e-Procurement portal "www.tendersodisha.gov.in."
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INBRIEF

Sreeram Venkateswaran takes charge as DICV President, CBO

Sreeram Venkateswaran assumed charge as President & Chief Business Officer, Domestic Sales & Customer Service of Daimler India Commercial Vehicles (DICV) on September 1. He replaces K. Rajaram, the company said. Mr. Venkateswaran will be overseeing go-to-market product strategies for BharatBenz and taking customer and dealer engagements to the next level. He was a key member of the team that created the BharatBenz brand, DICV added.

Inflation to stay elevated over next few months: S&P Global

Inflation in India is likely to remain elevated in the near term, but government policies will prevent it from rising further, S&P Global Ratings Economist (Asia Pacific) Vishrut Rana said on Tuesday. In July, the consumer price index based retail inflation spiked to a 15-month high of 7.44%, with specific food commodities mainly driving the increase. Speaking at a webinar, Mr. Rana said the monsoon had been very patchy and overall rain was about 11% below normal. PTI

Access Healthcare to recruit 1,500 people in two months

Chennai-based Access Healthcare is planning to hire more than 1,500 people across the country during September and October. This surge, representing approximately 6% of its workforce, is attributed to acquiring new clients and expanding several ongoing contracts. The hiring will happen in Chennai, Coimbatore, Mumbai, Pune, Noida, and Thiruvananthapuram centres, the end-to-end healthcare revenue cycle and IT services provider said in a statement.

FM flags threats to financial system from crypto, tax havens

India's G20 Presidency calls for a framework for handling issues relating to crypto-assets; FM also urges fintech industry to guard against threats

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Union Finance & Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday said cryptocurrencies (crypto), drug mafias, tax havens and cyber intrusions posed major threats to the global financial ecosystem and a global collaborative effort was needed to counter such challenges.

"We should be well seized of the threats which are conventional warfare or border threats and other threats such as cyber threats, crypto threats; as far [as] it is an opportunity it is [also] a threat. Also threats of drug, drug wars and drug mafias, tax havens, round tripping of resources and tax evasion; we need to work on all these so that we can address them," Ms. Sitharaman said while addressing delegates at the Global Fintech Fest (GFF) 2023 which is underway in Mumbai.

She said understanding these global challenges would help in building a resilient financial ecosystem.

Urging the fintech industry to guard against these threats, the minister asked these firms to invest heavily to counter cyber-threats. "We need to have fintech companies invest heavily in robust security measures utilising advanced encryption and other measures to protect user data and financial transactions. A secured system is what will build trust and therefore it is a must for the financial ecosystem," she said.

"India can lead in making the financial ecosystem inclusive, resilient and sustainable. We have the tools but we have to make it responsible. That is why we need global cooperation," she added.

Emphasising that India's priority was to have an enhanced cross-border payment arrangement considering the volume of remittances to the country, she said one of the priority areas for the G20 under India's presidency was sharing of information and seeking cooperation.

She said consultative papers were being discussed on various issues. On crypto, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the Financial Stability Board (FSB) had released their synthesis papers, the minister added.

Underlining the important role of the fintech industry in building a responsible financial ecosystem, she said fintechs in India were driving more inclusion and influencing India's financial ecosystem.

"Today, fintech has become a robust and dynamic financial inclusion tool. According to a 2022 BCG Matrix Report, in lending, which is one of the core businesses of the banks, fintechs had 36% share of new-to-credit customers versus the 22% share of brick-and-mortar banks. Fintechs are reaching out far more even in lending, an area which is a conventional bank function," Ms. Sitharaman said.

Bracing for risks

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman calls for a collaborative effort across the globe to counter rising financial threats

- The FM cites drug mafias, tax havens, round tripping and tax evasion as serious threats to global finance
- Ms. Sitharaman urges the fintech industry to invest heavily to protect user data and financial transactions
- Fintechs in India are enhancing financial inclusion and influencing India's financial ecosystem, the minister adds

August services PMI shows momentum sustaining, tad slower

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

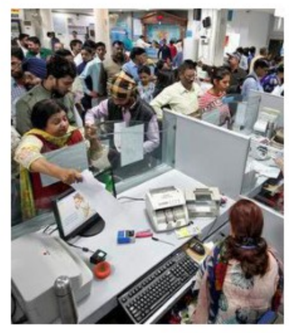
Growth in services sector output, as measured by the S&P Global India Services Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI), eased to 60.1 in August, from July's 13-year high of 62.3. Still, new export orders rose the fastest in at least nine years.

Despite sales waning slightly from July's highs, demand remained robust and firms raised prices at the fastest pace in more than six years, though input cost pressures eased from the previous month.

To cope with the additional workflow, firms ramped up hiring at the strongest pace since November, by roping in a blend of permanent and temporary staff on both part-time and full-time basis. Overall, positive sentiment among services businesses rose to the highest level so far in 2023, with firms expecting continued growth in the coming year.

Participants in the survey attributed positive consumer appetite and favourable market conditions for the sustained demand, and export order books rose due to fresh contracts from customers in the Asia Pacific, Europe, North America and the Middle East.

"Indian services companies achieved a remarkable milestone in August, as they welcomed a series record surge in new export business," said Pollyanna De Lima, economics associate director at S&P Global Market Intelligence. "This



spike in international demand supported one of the best sales performances recorded over the past 13 years, and acted as a catalyst for firms to expand their workforces as well as output," she added.

'Price gains quicken'

"However, favourable demand trends also led to the joint-fastest increase in prices charged for Indian services in over six years, which may prompt attention from policymakers and potentially delay cuts to the benchmark repo rate," she cautioned.

Taking manufacturing and services activity together, S&P Global said there was a mild slowdown in private sector activity growth across India during August, with the Composite PMI Output Index easing to 60.9, from July's 61.9. However, this was still among the sharpest expansions in over 12 years.

"Manufacturers overtook service providers as the best performers. New orders placed with private sector companies rose further, taking the current stretch of growth to just over two years," it added.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	TUESDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	65,780	0.23
US Dollar	83.04	-0.39
Gold	60,300	-0.24
Brent oil	90.95	2.23

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2494.05	23.45
Adani Ports	804.95	3.90
Apollo Hosp	4984.50	159.65
Asian Paints	3223.30	-12.25
Axis Bank	981.45	-0.80
Bajaj Auto	4701.60	64.45
Bajaj Finserv	1510.45	0.35
Bajaj Finance	7345.10	74.85
Bharti Airtel	865.90	0.60
BPCL	350.20	5.50
Britannia Ind	4514.95	7.75
Cipla	1238.95	0.10
Coal India	255.35	7.55
Divis Lab	3642.30	12.95
Dr Reddys Lab	5578.90	-80.55
Eicher Motors	3403.45	-30.70
Grasim Ind	1853.80	12.75
HCL Tech	1235.55	3.05
HDFC Bank	1574.90	-9.65
HDFC Life	640.95	0.90
Hero MotoCorp	2935.35	-7.50
Hindalco	486.10	-0.55
Hind Unilever	2507.05	5.65
ICICI Bank	968.40	1.05
IndusInd Bank	1423.75	1.95
Infosys	1478.90	13.80
ITC	443.10	5.60
Jio Financial Services Ltd.	255.05	1.60
JSW Steel	815.95	6.15
Kotak Bank	1771.05	8.85
L&T	2732.95	21.85
LTIMindtree Ltd.	5426.15	60.45
M&M	1571.15	-5.25
Maruti Suzuki	10262.10	-100.35
NestleIndia	21954.45	216.25
NTPC	234.60	-1.20
ONGC	183.10	0.15
PowerGrid Corp	254.30	-1.10
Reliance Ind	2423.60	12.90
SBI Life	1309.45	-18.90
State Bank	573.00	-2.55
Sun Pharma	1131.90	23.00
TataConsumer Product	846.30	0.25
Tata Motors	611.15	2.15
Tata Steel	131.70	-0.05
TCS	3429.35	10.85
Tech Mahindra	1254.55	-2.20
Titan	3136.15	35.85
UltraTech Cement	8454.85	-127.70
UPL	608.05	0.60
Wipro	431.85	-2.25

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on September 05

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	82.84	83.16
Euro	89.01	89.36
British Pound	104.03	104.44
Japanese Yen (100)	56.27	56.48
Chinese Yuan	11.34	11.39
Swiss Franc	93.23	93.60
Singapore Dollar	60.85	61.10
Canadian Dollar	60.70	60.94
Malaysian Ringitt	17.75	17.84
Australian Dollar	52.80	53.01

Source:Indian Bank

Capgemini showcases DCX Foundry

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Rising expectations of end customers are constantly being reshaped based on evolution of technology, Capgemini said.

The French IT services and consulting company showcased its Digital Customer Experience (DCX) Foundry in Bengaluru to the media on Tuesday.

The DCX Foundry addresses this dilemma of evolving consumer expectations, while enabling enterprises to be competitive and sustainable, Capgemini said. The foundry would ensure a collaborative and dynamic environment for ideation, innovation, and fostering partnerships with Capgemini's clients and partners, the firm added.

'India credit market on course to grow to $350 bn by year-end'

Press Trust of India
MUMBAI

Financial Services Secretary Vivek Joshi on Tuesday said the credit market, led by the digital lending segment, is on course to grow to $350 billion (about ₹3 lakh crore) by the end of the year.

The digital lending segment stood at $270 billion at the end of 2022, Mr. Joshi said on the opening day of the fifth edition of the global fintech festival held here.

Threefold growth

The Financial Services Secretary also said the country's fintech market is slated to grow three times to $150 billion by 2025-end from $50 billion in 2021.

Vivek Joshi

The digital lending segment stood at $270 billion at the end of 2022, said Mr. Joshi.

About 800 speakers and 50,000 delegates are attending the three-day global fintech summit.

Pepperfry elevates Ashish Shah as CEO, raises $23 mn

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Pepperfry, an e-commerce furniture and home goods marketplace, has announced the elevation of its co-founder Ashish Shah as Chief Executive Officer.

"This appointment follows the untimely demise of Ambareesh Murty, Pepperfry's co-founder and former CEO," the company said. The company also announced that it had raised $23 million in funding from existing shareholders.

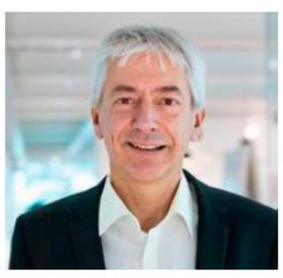
The latest round of capital infusion would strengthen Pepperfry's ability to cater to the evolving needs of its more than 10 million and increasing customer base, the company said.

Swiss food firm bets on India's grain focus

Mini Tejaswi
BENGALURU

Buhler, a Swiss food processing equipment manufacturer, on Tuesday said it remained bullish on India as the country increases its focus on grain safety and grain logistics.

"We are tripling our manufacturing capacity and doubling our exports in India," Johannes Wick, CEO-Grain and Food, Buhler, told *The Hindu*. "We are also investing ₹200 crore in the next two to three years to scale up our operations including strengthening sales/marketing and hiring more people," he added.



Johannes Wick

Buhler India currently employs more than 600 employees and has plans to add 300 direct jobs in the next three years.

"India's growing population, consolidation taking place in the flouring and food processing sector, government's push on grain safety, grain logistics and warehousing etc. are the drivers of this industry," he added.

FADA flags 'alarming' PV inventory levels

Reuters
BENGALURU

Inventory levels for passenger vehicles in India hit an all-time high in August ahead of the festive season, an 'alarming' trend that needs vigilant monitoring by automakers, an industry dealers' body said.

The average passenger vehicle (PV) inventory at August end ranged from 58-63 days, up from 50-55 days in July and 30-35 days in August 2022, the Federation of Automobile Dealers Association (FADA) said.

Higher inventory days indicate dealers are storing vehicles for longer before selling them.

"With anticipation of a good festive season, dealers may incur higher working-capital costs for maintaining unsold vehicles," said Himanshu Singh, research analyst at brokerage Prabhudas Lilladher.

"If the festive demand falls short of expectations, we could see higher discounting from both original equipment manufacturers as well as dealers to clear inventory."

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, DHANARAJ Anthony, S/o Anthony Swamy, R/a No.4-1, 3rd Cross, Linganapalya, Halasuru, Bengaluru-560008 have changed my name to Dhanaraj vide affidavit dt: 05.09.2023 sworn before Notary S.I.Balaguru, B'lore.

I, BHAMBOREA Manoj Kumar, S/o Late.B.Babu Rao, r/at No.95, 1st Floor, Dispensary Road, Shivaji Nagar, Bangalore 560001 declare that B.Venkatesh and Bhamborea Manoj Kumar (B.Manoj Kumar) pertains to me only, vide affidavit dtd 04.09.2023 sworn before Notary S.Samuel Solomon, Bluru

I, P Ayesha Anjum, D/o Mahamood Basha P, R/a No.17/93, High School Street, Punganur, Chittoor Andhra Pradesh - 517247, have changed my name from Ayesha Anjum to P Ayesha Anjum, and my fathers name from Mahamood Pasha P to Mahamood Basha P vide affidavit dt: 06.09.2023 sworn before Notary Ramachandrappa.C, B'luru

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NOTICE
IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE III ADDL. DISTRICT JUDGE, WEST GODAVARI DISTRICT AT BHIMAVARAM, (AP)
O.S. No. 29/2022
Between:
Alluri Satyanarayana Raju. ...Plaintiff.
And
M/s. KNR Marine Exports and others ...Defendants.
Defendants:
1. M/s. K.N.R. Marine Exports, Surappa gudem, represented by its Managing Partner Sri Nagaraj Shetti, D.No.1-8, Near Railway Bridge, Surappagudem, Bhimadole Mandal, West Godavari District.
2. M/s. K.N.R. Marine Exports, 10-Kanakapara Main Road, Near to Metro Shop, HDFC Bank Building, 4th Floor, Bengaluru- 560 062, Karnataka.
3.M/s.K.N.R.Marine Exports, Branch Office, D.No. 15-23-9, Pulavarthi Vari Street, Bhimavaram - 1.
4. Sri Nagaraj Shetti, Managing Partner of M/s. K.N.R. Marine Exports, 10-Kanakapara Main Road, Near to Metro Shop, HDFC Bank Building, 4th Floor, Bengaluru-560 062, Karnataka.
Whereas the plaintiff Alluri Satyanarayana Raju filed suit for the relief claimed in the suit against you. You are willfully evading service of summons against you.
Please take notice that the above matter stands posted before the Hon'ble III Additional District Judge, West Godavari District, at Bhimavaram, on the 18th day of September, 2023. Therefore, you are hereby summoned to appear in this Court on the above date to answer the claim personally or through a Pleader duly instructed upon which you intend to rely in support of your defence. Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day afore mentioned the petition will be heard and determined in your absence.
Place : Bhiavaram, Date : 30-08-2023
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IN THE COURT OF ADDITIONAL SUB JUDGE PALAKKAD
O.S. No. : 96/2021
Johnson Jacob : Plaintiff
Roy Mathew, aged 40 years,
S/o. (Late) P.T. Mathew, Advocate,
H-66/3, South Side of Cole's Park,
Bangalore PIN : 560005
: 4th Defendants
Notice
Take notice that the above suit filed for specific performance of contract stands posted on 13.09.2023 at 11 am in this court. If you have any objections in the matter, you may appear and file written statement on that date and time at the court either in person or through an authorised agent. Dated this the 04th day of Agusut 2023
B. Ravikumar,
Advocate for the Plaintiff

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IN THE COURT OF THE LXV ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-66)
O.S. NO. 6947/2022
Hg. 07-10-2023
Between:
M/s. ICICI Bank Limited, having its registered office at: Landmark, Race-Course Circle, Vadodara- 390007, Having its head office at and Zonal office at: 4/10, My three Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur main road, Bengaluru- 560068 And also having branch at MG Road, Bengaluru, through its Authorised representative.
Mr. Rohith Ali M ...Plaintiff
And :
Mr. Anjani Kumar Sinha
...Defendant
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC
Defendant :
Mr. Anjani Kumar Sinha,
S/o. Ashok Kumar Sinha,
Aged About 32 Years,
R/at No.301, 3rd Floor,
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L/O Doddathogur, Near Hari Om Bangalore- 560100.
Whereas the plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit for recovery of money for sum of **Rs. 2,57,883.20/-** along with interest at the rate of 24% P.A. against you, and your are summoned to appear before the LXV Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bengaluru (C.C.H-66), in person or by a pleader, on the day of **07/10/2023** at 11:00 AM to answer the claim failing to which the suit would be disposed of Ex-Parte.
Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the 30th day of August, 2023 at Bangalore.
By order of the Court,
Assistant Registrar,
Hon'ble City Court,
Bengaluru.
Advocate for Plaintiff
B.S. Jeevan Kumar
Vidhii Partners,
Advocates,
No. 701, Queens Corner 'A',
3, Queens Road,
Bengaluru -01.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF 73rd ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSION JUDGE, MAYOHALL, AT BANGALORE (CCH 74)
O.S. No.25347/2023
BETWEEN:
M/S ICICI BANK LIMITED
MITTAL TOWER, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560001
Represented by its officer of Power of Attorney Holder Ms. Mansi Singh, Aged about 24 years D/o Mr. Anil Kumar Singh
...PLAINTIFF
AND:
A NADHIALI
S/O Mr. Areefbash A
Aged 38 years Omega Health Care Management Services PvtLTD 33 NAL Wind Tunnel RD Ammanamma Layout Murgesh Pallya Bangalore Bangalore-5600 1 7
...DEFENDANT
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 6,87,141.25 (Rupees Six Lakhs EightySeven Thousand One Hundred Forty One And paisa Twenty Five Only)** apart from future interest of 24%, in **O.S. No.25347/2023** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH 74** Before Addl., City Civil and session Judge, Mayohall, Bengaluru. Yqu are hereby supmoned to appear before the Hon 'ble Court on the 05th Day of .Octomber 2023 at 11 A.M. to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Exparte.
Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the 28th day of August,2023
By the order of court
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City Civil Court,
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CAPTAINSPEAK

'When you try to fix something, you might end up breaking it'

Rohit Sharma prefers to speak in 'Bambaiya' lingo. Seldom does he sound like a corporate leader, especially while addressing a press conference. Tuesday was an exception. "When you are trying to fix something, you might end up breaking it. You have to use resources the best you can," said Rohit about the bowling options.

IN THE ZONE

When we play, we don't bother about what's said outside: Rohit

During India's World Cup squad announcement in Pallekele on Tuesday, a scribe asked Rohit Sharma about the pressure of facing Pakistan. "When we are playing a tournament or on the ground, we are in the zone and not bothered about what's being said outside. Don't ask the same question during the World Cup," said Rohit.

PROTEAS' LIST

Bavuma to lead South Africa in 50-over World Cup in India

South Africa named its squad for the World Cup to be held in India. **The squad:** Temba Bavuma (Capt.), Gerald Coetzee, Quinton de Kock, Reeza Hendricks, Marco Jansen, Heinrich Klaasen, Sisanda Magala, Keshav Maharaj, Aiden Markram, David Miller, Lungi Ngidi, Anrich Nortje, Kagiso Rabada, Tabraiz Shamsi, van der Dussen.

FINAL CHANCE

De Kock has unfinished business, to retire after the World Cup

South Africa coach Rob Walter said on Tuesday that Quinton de Kock has "unfinished business" after it was announced that he will retire from ODIs after the World Cup. "Quinny has been a magnificent player for South Africa in 50-over cricket," said Walter in backing de Kock, 30, to finish his ODI career in style.

Rahul finds a place in a squad of no surprises and no off-spinners

The core of the Asia Cup contingent retained with the exception of Prasidh Krishna, Tilak Varma and Sanju Samson who have been named as standbyes; three left-arm spinners — Jadeja, Kuldeep and Axar — make the cut

WORLD CUP

Amol Karhadkar
PALLEKELE

K.L. Rahul, who hasn't played a competitive game since May, has been included in India's World Cup squad which hardly has any surprise. It was announced here on Tuesday by chief selector Ajit Agarkar, along with captain Rohit Sharma.

"KL is looking good. We feel this gives us the best balance to try and do well. With K.L., he was part of the camp in Bengaluru, he looked really good there, has got over his niggle," Agarkar said after announcing the squad of 15 that will carry the burden of expectation of 1.4 billion Indians for the Men's Cricket World Cup.

"He played a couple of games over the last two days. I think he kept for 50 overs and batted for around 50 overs too, so he looks good and we're happy to have him."

While Rahul, who arrived in Colombo on Tuesday after clearing a fitness test in Bengaluru, and Ishan Kishan have been included as the two wicket-keeper-batters, the selectors have persisted with the core group of the Asia Cup squad members. The three members who have travelled to Sri Lanka and not have found a place in the World Cup squad – Prasidh Krishna, Tilak Varma and Sanju Samson – will be standbyes, according to Agarkar.

While Tuesday was the last day of submitting the squad to the International Cricket Council, it can be altered till Sept. 28 without giving any reason. It gives the selectors and the team management ample time to assess the match-fitness of Rahul, Shreyas Iyer and Jasprit Bumrah.

With Axar Patel preferred as the third spinner, there was no room for an off-spinner. As a result, both R. Ashwin and Washington Sundar will feel hard done by. "Clearly there will be discussions given we have both Ravindra Jadeja and Axar Patel who spin the ball into left-handers. Both give us depth in batting," Agarkar said.

Rohit was satisfied with the squad, which he said was in sync with the team management's vision after the last year's T20 World Cup semifinal exit. "We are happy. This is the best we can do with balance and depth. We have three all-rounders in the team, four bowlers and six batters,"

India's World Cup squad dossier

The ODI records of Rohit's men who will look to emulate Kapil's Devils and Dhoni's Dashers by winning the ultimate prize

BATTERS

	ROHIT	GILL	KOHLI	SHREYAS	RAHUL	KISHAN	SURYAKUMAR
M	246	29	277	44	54	19	26
Inns	239	29	266	39	52	17	24
Runs	9922	1514	12902	1645	1986	776	511
HS	264	208	183	113*	112	210	64
Avg.	48.87	63.08	57.08	45.69	45.13	48.50	24.33
SR	90.08	102.64	93.60	96.82	86.57	106.74	101.38
100s/50s	30/49	4/7	46/65	2/14	5/13	1/7	0/2

ALLROUNDERS

	HARDIK	JADEJA	AXAR	SHARDUL
Runs	1753 (59 inns)	2574 (122)	413 (32)	318 (24)
HS	92*	87	64*	50*
SR	111.16	84.67	102.48	106.00
Wkts.	74 (73 inns)	197 (172)	58 (48)	59 (39)
BBI	4/24	5/36	3/24	4/37
Econ	5.57	4.90	4.51	6.17
50s/4W	11/1	13/8#	2/0	1/3

BOWLERS

	BUMRAH	SHAMI	SIRAJ	KULDEEP
M	73	91	26	86
Inns	72	90	25	83
Wkts	121	163	46	141
BBI	6/19	5/69	4/32	6/25
Avg.	24.30	26.00	20.69	26.79
Econ	4.63	5.59	4.86	5.14
4W/5W	5/2	9/1	2/0	6/1

 # Jadeja has seven four-fors and one five-for in ODIs

All matches start at 2 p.m.

INDIANS IN ACTION

Oct. 8: vs. Australia, *Chennai* | **Oct. 11:** vs. Afghanistan, *Delhi* | **Oct. 14:** vs. Pakistan, *Ahmedabad* | **Oct. 19:** vs. Bangladesh, *Pune* | **Oct. 22:** vs. New Zealand, *Dharamsala* | **Oct. 29:** vs. England, *Lucknow* | **Nov. 2:** vs. Sri Lanka, *Mumbai* | **Nov. 5:** vs. South Africa, *Kolkata* | **Nov. 12:** vs. Netherlands, *Bengaluru*

Focus was on eight batters, six bowling options for every game

Pragmatic approach: This is the best we can do with balance and depth, says Rohit. AP

Amol Karhadkar
PALLEKELE

Balance is not something you find, it is something you create. That seems to be the mantra of India's head coach Rahul Dravid and captain Rohit Sharma while planning for the Men's ODI Cricket World Cup.

Their quest – with Ajit Agarkar having joined in the last stages – was visible in India's squad that will hope to end the 12-year-old drought for an ICC title, on home soil in October-November.

One may point out the absence of an off-spinner in the squad, despite two able options in R. Ashwin and Washington Sundar. Similarly, the squad doesn't have a left-arm pacer, with Arshdeep Singh and Jaydev Unadkat being in the mix for a better part of the last 10 months.

Their omission is primarily due to the team management's thrust on striking the right balance of having at least six bowling options and eight batters for every game.

As a result, Shardul Thakur and Axar Patel have been preferred over the rest. Shardul's economy rate and his batting ability may be questionable. But the Mumbai pacer has been India's trump card in ODIs since the last World Cup. Not only does he strike with the ball against all odds but also chips in with vital runs when required.

Similarly, Axar offers a handy all-rounder's option, despite his uncanny similarity to Ravindra Jadeja in skillset. Add to it Kuldeep Yadav's ability to turn the ball away from left-handed batters and that virtually shut the doors on both the off-spinners.

The team management's thrust on a batting option at No. 8 means the pace trio of Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Shami and Mohammed Siraj are unlikely to feature together regularly. One of the three primary pace pack members will have to make way for either Shardul or Axar, depending on the conditions.

"That's the best we could do. We looked at everything and every possible way of getting the players in. There will be players who miss out but that happens in every World Cup," Rohit said on Tuesday.

No change in Colombo as venue in Sri Lanka

Amol Karhadkar
PALLEKELE

Despite fears of inclement weather, the remaining Asia Cup games will be played in Colombo as per schedule.

A Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) official confirmed on Tuesday that considering the logistics and weather involved, the R. Premadasa will "continue to host the Super Four and final games".

Due to the flooding in parts of Colombo over the last week, the tournament broadcaster had requested at least the Super Four stage to be moved out of Colombo.

The Asian Cricket Council (ACC) – in consultation with tournament host Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) and SLC – had been contemplating Hambantota as a possible alternative since Sunday.

However, with the weather in Colombo having cleared and Hambantota witnessing rain on Tuesday, the tournament authorities have decided to stick with Colombo.

Super 4s

- **Sept. 6:** Pakistan (A1) vs Bangladesh (B2), Lahore
- **Sept. 9:** Sri Lanka (B1) vs Bangladesh, Colombo
- **Sept. 10:** Pakistan vs India (A2), Colombo
- **Sept. 12:** Sri Lanka vs India, Colombo
- **Sept. 14:** Pakistan vs Sri Lanka, Colombo
- **Sept. 15:** India vs Bangladesh, Colombo

The final will be played on Sept. 17 in Colombo

*All matches will begin at 3 p.m. IST

Afghanistan falls agonisingly short, Sri Lanka through

Press Trust of India
LAHORE

Sri Lanka defeated Afghanistan by two runs to end the latter's hopes of qualifying for the Asia Cup Super Four stage here on Tuesday.

Afghanistan, which needed to chase a target of 292 in 37.1 overs, fought hard but was bowled out for 289 in 37.4 overs despite fifties from Mohammad Nabi (65) and Hashmatullah Shahidi (59).

Kasun Rajitha took four wickets for Sri Lanka.

Stroke-filled knock

Earlier, Kusal Mendis bossed star spinner Rashid Khan in his stroke-filled 92 before Afghanistan fought back to limit Sri Lanka to 291 for eight.

Unlike Sri Lanka's opening game, openers Pathum Nissanka (41) and Dimuth Karunaratne (32) gave a brisk start to the innings before being dismissed by medium-pacer Gulbadin Naib.

Batting at No. 3, Mendis then put Sri Lanka on course for a 300-plus total with a near flawless effort comprising six boundaries and three sixes.

The scores: Sri Lanka 291/8 in 50 overs (Pathum Nissanka 41, Dimuth Karunaratne 32, Kusal Mendis 92, Charith Asalanka 36, Dunith Wellalage 33 n.o., Gulbadin Naib 4/60) bt Afghanistan 289 in 37.4 overs (Rahmat Shah 45, Hashmatullah Shahidi 59, Mohammad Nabi 65, Kasun Rajitha 4/79).

Nabi... a gallant show. AFP

Points Table

GROUP-B	M	W	L	Pts	NRR
Sri Lanka (Q)	2	2	0	4	0.594
Bangladesh (Q)	2	1	1	2	0.373
Afghanistan	2	0	2	0	-0.910

Q: Qualified

Gauff storms into semifinals; Zverev battles past Sinner in a five-setter; Jabeur crashes out

US OPEN

Agence France-Presse
NEW YORK

Coco Gauff thrashed Jelena Ostapenko in straight sets to reach the semifinals of the US Open for the first time on Tuesday.

American sixth seed Gauff dominated Latvia's 20th seed Ostapenko from start to finish, winning 6-0, 6-2 in just 1hr 8min.

Carlos Alcaraz surged into the last four on Monday even as Ons Jabeur became the latest highly ranked player to go crashing out.

Defending champion Alcaraz, who has only dropped one set on his journey into the last eight, produced a dominant display to overwhelm Italian World No. 61 Matteo Arnaldi, winning 6-3, 6-3, 6-4 in 1hr 57min.

Breezy! Gauff, who needed little over an hour to get the better of Ostapenko, eased into her first semifinal at Flushing Meadows. GETTY IMAGES

Alcaraz will face 12th seed Alexander Zverev in Wednesday's quarterfinals after the 2020 US Open finalist from Germany defeated Italian sixth seed Jannik Sinner in a five-set duel tinged with controversy.

Zverev, who is returning to his best form after a gruesome injury at the French Open last year that forced a six-month layoff, downed Sinner 6-4, 3-6, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3 on the Arthur Ashe Stadium.

The 4hr 41min battle, which wrapped at 1.39am local time, saw an ugly incident in the fourth set when Zverev complained of a "Hitler phrase" being shouted from the stands as he prepared to serve.

A male fan was subsequently identified as the alleged culprit and ejected from the arena before Zverev went on to seal victory.

Jabeur, who has been struggling with flu since arriving in New York, finally saw her luck run out after scrapping her way to three-set victories in her previous two games.

The Tunisian simply had no answer to 23rd seed Zheng Qinwen's blend of power and precision, with the 20-year-old from Shiyan looking far sharper than her weary opponent.

THE RESULTS

Women: Quarterfinals: 6-Gauff (USA) bt 20-Ostapenko (Lat) 6-0, 6-2. **Fourth round**: 23-Zheng (Chn) bt 5-Jabeur (Tun) 6-2, 6-4; 2-Sabalenka bt 13-Kasatkina 6-1, 6-3.

Men: Fourth round: 1-Alcaraz (Esp) bt Arnaldi (Ita) 6-3, 6-3, 6-4; 8-Rublev bt Draper (GBr) 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4; 3-Medvedev bt 13-de Minaur (Aus) 2-6, 6-4, 6-1, 6-2; 12-Zverev (Ger) bt 6-Sinner (Ita) 6-4, 3-6, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.

INBRIEF

Hima provisionally suspended for 'whereabout failures'

Star sprinter Hima Das has been provisionally suspended by the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) for three 'whereabout failures' in 12 months, according to sources. The 23-year-old Assam runner has not been named in the Hangzhou Asian Games team due to an injury she had sustained earlier this year. Hima faces a maximum two-year ban, which can be reduced to a minimum of one year depending on the degree of her fault. Hima, who won the 400m silver at the 2018 Jakarta Asian Games, was also a part of the gold and silver-winning women's 4x400m and mixed 4x400m relay quartets.

Amul to be official sponsor of Asian Games contingent

Amul will be the official sponsor of the Indian contingent for the Hangzhou Asian Games. Announcing the association, Jayen Mehta, in-charge managing director of Amul said, "Amul has partnered with Indian sportsperson through the Indian Olympic Association since London 2012 Olympics for all Indian contingent to Olympics, Commonwealth Games and Asian Games and we are pleased to further strengthen our decade long relationship" As part of the tie-up Amul will use the integrated logo in its communication to celebrate the efforts of the sportspersons. India will field 634 athletes at the Games across 38 different sports with the largest contingent of 65 in athletics.

Sehaj, Avani advance in ITF Junior J30 Bengaluru

Boys' top seed Sehaj Singh Pawar defeated Sanchith Sudhir Raj 6-2, 6-1 to move into the second round of the ITF Junior J30 Bengaluru tennis tournament on Tuesday. In the women's category, Avani Chaitale came from a set down to get past Aakruthi Sonkusare 1-6, 6-2, 6-1.

FC Bengaluru United steamrollers BUFC

FC Bengaluru United thrashed BUFC 8-0 in the BDFA Super Division football league in Bengalru on Tuesday.

The results: FC Bengaluru United 8 (Jery Onesemas Pulamte 50, 66, P. Kamlesh 53, Chester Paul Lyngdoh 58, 89, Ribhav Sardesai 69, 90+2, Ahmed Faiz Khyan 76) bt BUFC 0; Kodagu FC 2 (Shlok Tiwari 7, Jemsheed Ali 56) bt Young Challengers FC 1 (Tenmay Mauni 29-OG).

LIVE TELECAST

Asia Cup: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 3 p.m.

US Open: Sony Sports Ten 2, 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 9.30 p.m. & 5.45 a.m. (Thursday)

Official outfits of the Indian contingent unveiled at the send-off ceremony

Sports minister Thakur and IOA president Usha do the honours as athletes sport the kit designed with an emphasis on sustainability

ASIAN GAMES

Uthra Ganesan
NEW DELHI

The official ceremonial and competition outfits of the Indian contingent for the upcoming Asian Games was unveiled here on Tuesday at the official send-off ceremony with an emphasis on sustainability and recycling of resources.

Union Sports Minister Anurag Singh Thakur, accompanied by Indian Olympic Association president P.T. Usha, did the unveiling with Indian hockey stars Savita Punia and P.R. Sreejesh donning the khaki ceremonial kits on the occasion and others, including shooter Manu Bhaker and shotputter Tajinderpal Singh Toor wearing the competition and training outfits.

"It is good to talk about 100 medals or more but every athlete is selected on merit. And the Prime Minister has said that when you represent 140 crore people of the country, you have to give your best at all times and medals and success will come by itself," Thakur said, referring to the official slogan *Abki baar 100 paar*.

"India has achieved a lot in the last six months in sports and all of it has made every Indian proud – whether Antim Panghal's back-to-back gold at the Under-20 World Championships in wrestling or four gold medals in women's boxing World Championships or SAFF title in football or the Junior Asia Cup titles for both men and women in hockey or the men's hockey Asian Champions Trophy or Aditi Swami's archery title or the most recent World Cup final by R. Praggnanandha – all of it has been heartening. But this is just the beginning," he added.

He also revealed that the budget for Khelo India had been increased by ₹675 crore for the next three years along with the approval for 250 more Khelo India centres in addition to the 1000 targeted for this year.

One for the album: Union sports minister Thakur, minister of State Pramanik, and IOC president Usha with some members of the Indian contingent for the Asian Games. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

Gukesh on top with three others; Pragg in joint second place

TATA STEEL CHESS

P.K. Ajith Kumar
KOLKATA

Just when it seemed R. Praggnanandhaa would have another excellent day on the chessboard – something he has got used to over the last few months – Vincent Keymer made him pause.

In the third-round clash between the two hugely talented teenagers, in the Open rapid section of the Tata Steel Chess India tournament, the German prevailed to move into the joint lead at the end of the first day at the National Library on Tuesday. He is sharing the top spot with first seed Maxime Vachier-Lagrave of France, Teimour Radjabov of Azerbaijan and D. Gukesh.

They have two points apiece, half-a-point more than Praggnanandhaa, Russian Alexander Grischuk and Nodirbek Abdusattorov of Uzbekistan. Six rounds remain.

Solid beginning: Gukesh scored a win and two draws to be in joint lead. DEBASISH BHADURI

Good start

Praggnanandhaa, playing his first event in India after his stunning show at the Chess World Cup in Baku, had begun with a win with black pieces against Radjabov and then held Vachier-Lagrave to a draw. There are, of course, enough rounds left for him to bounce back.

Gukesh, also playing his first tournament in India after crossing a milestone (he broke into the World top 10 and replaced Viswanathan Anand as the India No. 1) defeated compatriot Harikrishna and drew with Abdusattorov and Grischuk.

Arjun Erigaisi, who won a title in both his previous appearances here, must have beenrelieved to end the day with a victory over Harikrishna, after losing his first two games.

The results (third round, Indians unless specified): Vidit Gujrathi 1 lost to Maxime Vachier-Lagrave (Fra); D. Gukesh 2 drew with Alexander Grischuk (FIDE) 1.5; Arjun Erigaisi 1 bt P. Harikrishna 0.5; Teimour Radjabov (Aze) 2 bt Nodirbek Abdusattorov (Uzb) 1.5; R. Praggnanandhaa 1.5 lost to Vincent Keymer (Ger) 2.

Second round: Vachier-Lagrave drew with Praggnanandhaa; Keymer lost to Radjabov; Abdusattorov bt Arjun; Harikrishna lost to Gukesh; Grischuk drew with Gujrathi.

First round: Grischuk drew with Vachier-Lagrave; Gujrathi drew with Harikrishna; Gukesh drew with Abdusattorov; Arjun lost to Keymer; Radjabov lost to Praggnanandhaa.

Couldn't have asked for a better team for Asiad: Anand

P.K. Ajith Kumar
KOLKATA

Viswanathan Anand is mighty impressed with the way Divya Deshmukh clinched the women's rapid title at the Tata Steel Chess India tournament here a few days ago. The 17-year-old from Nagpur got to play only because R. Vaishali pulled out at virtually the last minute because of illness.

Divya had begun as the lowest-rated player in a strong field of 10, but played superbly to record a career-best performance, pushing behind the likes of World champion Ju Wenjun and former World rapid champion Koneru Humpy. During a media interaction here on Tuesday, Anand singled out Divya's win over Humpy in the final round.

"Maybe what was most impressive about Divya was that after losing the game in the eighth round she had the strength to win the ninth," said the five-time World champion, who is a mentor of Divya at the WestBridge Anand Chess Academy.

Anand. DEBASISH BHADURI

"And it was a very beautiful win too, with the 'b' pawn capturing the pawn on the 'a2' square. To win that game and clinch the tournament was amazing. After beginning well, she hit a high gear and kept going. She scored lots and lots of wins."

About the forthcoming Asian Games, where chess is making a return after 13 years, Anand sounded hopeful of India's chances.

"We are fielding an amazing team," he said. "There are other very good teams. Uzbekistan is good. Vietnam is good. China will field a great contingent. So we will have rivals, but you can't ask for a better team than what we have."

Washington 125 (305b, 8x4, 4x6).

TNCA XI crashes out of Buchi Babu

Sports Bureau
DINDIGUL

M.S. Washington Sundar's 125 was the lone bright spark for TNCA XI as it conceded a huge first-innings lead to Madhya Pradesh and crashed out of the All India Buchi Babu tournament on the final day of the semifinals at the NPR College Ground on Tuesday.

At Salem, Delhi bowled out Chhattisgarh for 155 defending 234.

Delhi and MP will meet in the title clash in Coimbatore from September 8 to 11.

The scores: Delhi 340 & 80 bt Chhattisgarh 187 & 155 in 56.1 overs (Rishabh Tiwari 48, Shashank Singh 48). **PoTM:** Pranshu Vijayran (Delhi).

Madhya Pradesh 536 & 48/1 dec. in 23 overs drew wiith TNCA XI 301 in 113.5 overs (M.S. Washington Sundar 125, A. Badrinath 65). **PoTM:** Rishabh Chouhan (MPCA).

SNAPSHOTS

Shubham third in 61kg at World weightlifting

RIYADH: Indian weightlifter Shubham Todkar finished third in Group D of the men's 61kg event in the World Championships on Tuesday. The 26-year-old National champion lifted a total of 269kg (119kg+150kg) to finish behind Malaysia's Aznil Muhamad 290kg (129kg+161kg) and Korea's Rok Shin 280kg (125kg+155kg) respectively.

As expected, former World champion Mirabai Chanu, who is saving her best for the Asian Games, withdrew after weighing-in for the 49kg event, where she was placed in Group D.

Indian women finish sixth in Asian table tennis

PYEONGCHANG (SOUTH KOREA): The Indian women's team lost to Thailand 0-3 to finish sixth in the playoff positions (5-6) of the 26th ITTF Asian table tennis championships at on Tuesday. Earlier in the day, India edged out Singapore 3-2 in the 5-8 positions.

Meanwhile, the two Indian mixed doubles pairs lost in the second round (round-of-32).

The results: 5-6 positions: Thailand bt India 3-0 (Suthasini Sawettabut bt Sreeja Akula 11-6, 11-5, 11-6; Orawan Paramang bt Manika Batra 11-4, 8-11, 11-4, 11-6; Wanwisa Auea Wiriyayothin bt Diya Chitale 15-13, 8-11, 4-11, 11-9, 11-8).

5-8 positions: India bt Singapore 3-2 (Manika bt Jingyi Zhou 11-9, 11-3, 11-6; Sreeja lost to Jiang Zeng 7-11, 6-11, 7-11; Ayhika Mukherjee bt Xin Ru Wong 11-1, 11-9, 11-6; Manika lost to Zeng 8-11, 6-11, 7-11; Sreeja bt Zhou 12-10, 11-3, 9-11, 11-6).

Mixed doubles (round-of-32): G. Sathiyan & Manika Batra lost to Phakpoom Sanguansin & Orawan Paranang (Tha) 11-7, 10-12, 11-6, 8-11, 9-11; Harmeet Desai & Sreeja lost to Tomokazu Harimoto & Hina Hayata (Jpn) 6-11, 7-11, 8-11.

A forgettable day for Indian shuttlers

CHANGZHOU: World Championship bronze medallist H.S. Prannoy made an opening-round exit from the China Open Super 1000 badminton tournament after going down in three games to Ng Tze Yong here on Tuesday. Reigning Commonwealth Games champion Lakshya Sen also crashed out in the first round after losing to Anders Antonsen of Denmark.

When Priyanshu Rajawat went down 13-21, 24-26 to Indonesia's Shesar Hiren Rhustavito, the Indian challenge ended in men's singles.

The results (first round): Men: Ng Tze Yong (Mas) bt H.S. Prannoy 21-12, 13-21, 21-18; Anders Antonsen (Den) bt Lakshya Sen 23-21, 16-21, 21-9; Shesar Hiren Rhustavito (Ina) bt Priyanshu Rajawat 21-13, 26-24. **Doubles:** Keiichiro Matsui & Yoshinori Takeuchi (Jpn) bt Dhruv Kapila & M.R. Arjun 23-21, 2-19. **Women: Doubles:** Chen Qing Chen& Jia Yi Fan (Chn) bt Treesa Jolly & Gayatri Gopichand 21-18, 21-11.

Gaurav Gill all set to participate in WRC 2023

NEW DELHI: Indian rally ace Gaurav Gill is all set to take part in World Rally Championship (WRC) 2023 season, starting with the Acropolis Rally of Greece, one of the toughest and scheduled from September 7 to 10.

Three players who started with a bang but finished in their 20s

BETWEEN WICKETS
Suresh Menon

Former Karnataka captain, and briefly, India star Karun Nair will be turning out for Vidarbha in the new season of the Ranji Trophy. This is not unusual. Former internationals have made similar moves either because they no longer fit into the scheme of things at home, or because they see better chances away. Yet, if fans feel a twinge at the change, that is because it is a reminder of the cruelty of cricket.

Nair, still only 31, has one of the most intriguing records in Test cricket. An average of 62.33 from six Tests is boosted by a highest score of 303 not out against England. I remember an English writer recalling how, after every break, lunch, tea, close of play, it looked like Nair was still at the crease.

Brilliant knock

He batted 25 minutes short of ten hours, needing just 75 deliveries for his third hundred. He brought up his double and triple in the same session, the only player to do so since Wally Hammond. Anything short was cut or pulled, anything driveable was driven. The English bowlers didn't know where to hide.

That triple came in only Nair's third Test. He had just turned 25 then. A little over three months later, it was all over; he had played his last Test. His highest score outside of that mammoth innings was 26.

There was a time in Indian cricket when a century ensured a long stay in the team; now, such was the talent available that even a triple was no guarantee. A couple of seasons earlier, Nair had made the first triple in a Ranji final in nearly seven decades.

Andy Sandham, the English opener who made Test cricket's first triple century, didn't play Tests again. But that was no consolation for Nair. Sandham was past 40 at the time, and in the next series, England had a new opening pair, Hobbs and Sutcliffe.

In some ways, Nair is in the company of two other Indian players who entered the scene with a bang, but didn't play into their thirties.

Vinod Kambli and Narender Hirwani played 17 Tests each, and both promised far more than they delivered. In his first seven Tests Kambli made two double centuries and two others besides, and finished with an average of 54.20. He was 23 when he played the last of his Tests, only one of which was outside Asia.

Sorted out

Fast bowlers discovered quickly that a well-placed gully fielder reduced Kambli's effectiveness as he couldn't keep his cut down often enough. There were too murmurs of poor behaviour in contrast to his school buddy Sachin Tendulkar who was the epitome of self-control.

More importantly, India did not have a system of mentoring players, especially talented ones who sometimes lost their way in the world of glamour and lights. Better handling might have seen a better Kambli, but the combination of weaknesses, technical and personal, was allowed to decide his future.

Leg spinner Hirwani's entry was even more spectacular, with 16 for 136 on his Test debut against the West Indies in Chennai. The line-up included Viv Richards, Richie Richardson, Desmond Haynes. Some of those wickets came off poor deliveries as the batsmen panicked, swung over the ball or contrived to get their pads in the way. Hirwani was just 19, and his figures are still the best by a bowler on debut (Australia's Bob Massie picked up 16 on debut too, but conceded one run more).

Richards was so furious at what he thought, rightly, was an underprepared wicket that he sent out a warning to India after the match: "Come to the West Indies, we'll show you." West Indies won the four-match series that followed 3-0, and Hirwani's six wickets cost him nearly 58 per wicket.

It seemed both Kambli and Hirwani needed the comfort of home while the former needed a minder who could keep him on the straight and narrow. Hirwani's nine Tests outside India fetched just 21 wickets at nearly 60. With the emergence of Anil Kumble, Hirwani's career fell away. The two leg spinners played four Tests together. Hirwani played his last Test at 27 in a sport where spinners get better with age.

Nair, Kambli, Hirwani might be footnotes in cricket history, but at their best it was difficult to imagine too many better.